

Making Space for Young Adults in Public Libraries [name removed] Public Library

Staff Video

Narrator: Hello, and welcome to the [name removed] space in the [name removed] Public Library, part of the [name removed] Regional Library in [name removed], [name removed]. This is our dedicated teen space where we have all our young adult fiction. We have displays of books and events for teens; we also have dedicated study workspace and computers for our teens here in [name removed]. This area is part of our new building, built in 2008. Our old building did not have as large a dedicated space for teens.

You'll see here the nice hangout spaces, study spaces. This collection does focus on fiction, but we have an area also of magazines, new books and also a graphic novel section with posters for our anime club here in [name removed].

[1:10] This space has been a great benefit to the teens of [name removed], [name removed]. We especially like that there are dedicated computer stations for teens. On... these computer stations only allow ages 13-18 to log on, so you won't have any siblings or parents running around back here. We do also like that we have the dedicated study space and just a nice place for teens to hang out after school.

What we would especially like would be to have an information desk back here. If you look far across the library there, the information desk is very far away. Teens working on [1:57] homework projects or on... just those that have questions would be better served to have an information desk closer by. We would also like to have a programming space for teens. As the building sits, the nearest programming room is downstairs in our large meeting rooms, and teens interested in programs would be more likely to attend something if it was in their space.

It might also be nice to utilize the space behind us for interactive artwork or just artwork that would appeal more to teenagers. As it is now, it's just a blank wall. But as I said, we do really enjoy this space, the dedicated study space for teens, the collections dedicated to teens, and their ability to hang out and just be themselves.

[3:00] Thank you. Again, this is the [name removed] space, the [name removed] Public Library in [name removed], [name removed].

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