

Welcome to the youth survey about your library!

Your answers to these questions about your library helps us improve libraries across the United States.

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Please review the information on the following page with the librarian.

Library Youth Survey

What You Need to Know about Taking This Survey

We are asking you, along with other young people around the country, to help us better understand what you want in the library.

Taking the survey is **voluntary**, which means you do not have to take part if you don't want to. It's fine if you decide not to participate.

The online survey should take approximately 10 minutes.

You should not put your name on the survey. **Your answers will be completely private.** No one will know how you answered any questions.

For further information regarding this research and your rights as a survey participant, please contact the main researcher for this survey, Dr. Michael Males, at (405) 219-8539 (telephone), mmales@earthlink.net (email), or through YouthFacts at <http://www.YouthFacts.org> (website).

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact Dr. Pamela Stacks from the San Jose State University Institutional Review Board at (408) 924-2427.

1. I have reviewed the survey information on this page with the librarian.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

I understand that:

- if I don't want to take the survey that's okay.
- anytime I want to stop participating that's okay (I can just close the web page).
- my answers will be private and my name will not be known.

2. I have read the statement above and agree to participate.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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About Your Library

3. When I go to the library, I'm usually go... (check one)

- ☐ Alone
- ☐ With a sister(s)/brother(s) or stepsister(s)/stepbrother(s)
- ☐ With friends or acquaintances around my age
- ☐ With my school class or school club
- ☐ With a parent, stepparent, or adult guardian
- ☐ With other relatives (for instance, cousins, grandparents, etc.)
- ☐ With other adults (for instance, adult friends)
- ☐ With someone else (like whom?)



4. I think it is important for the library to have a Young Adult/Teen section: (check one)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Does not matter to me

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5. I use the following items at the library... (check all that apply)

- ☐ Books, periodicals, references, or other material in paper or microfilm form
- ☐ Computers or laptops provided by the library
- ☐ Digital book readers (such as iPad, Kindle, etc.) provided by the library
- ☐ DVD, VCR, or other video/player provided by the library
- ☐ CD or other audio player provided by the library
- ☐ Television provided by the library
- ☐ Video games provided by the library
- ☐ My own computer laptop, notebook, cellphone, iPod, MP3 player, digital book reader, or other equipment that I connect to library internet, video, or audio services
- ☐ Other library items or services (please specify)



6. My library has a Young Adult/Teen section

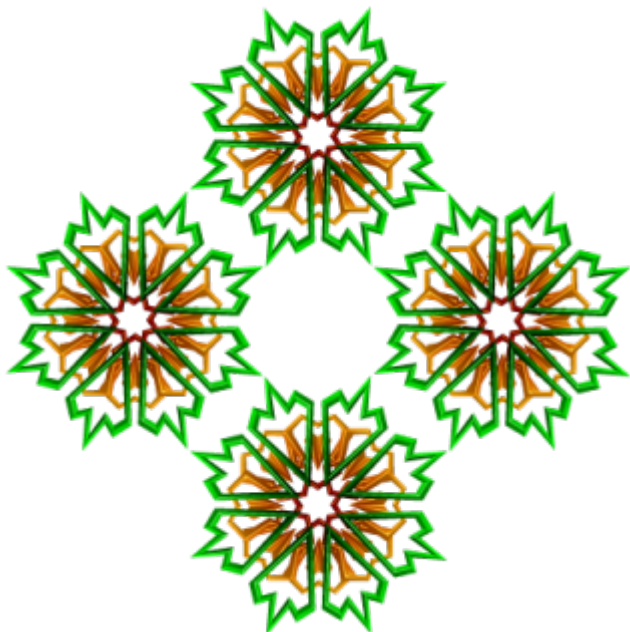
- ☐ True
- ☐ False

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Using Your YA/Teen Section

7. I visit the library's Young Adult/Teen section to... (check all that apply)

- ☐ Attend a teen activity or program
- ☐ Use computers or the internet
- ☐ Hang out with friends
- ☐ Meet new people
- ☐ Find CDs, DVDs
- ☐ Check out magazines and books
- ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ Get information to help with something
- ☐ To do schoolwork/study
- ☐ To avoid boredom
- ☐ To wait for a ride home
- ☐ My library has a Young Adult/Teen section but I don't use it
- ☐ Other (say what...)



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8. Do your friends go to the library's Young Adult/Teen section? (please check one)

- ☐ Most of them do
- ☐ Some of them do
- ☐ None do

9. Please check true or false:

	True	False
I visit the YA/Teen section at the library because I like it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The YA/Teen section is my favorite place in this library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This library's YA/Teen section has comfortable places to sit and hang out	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The YA/Teen section has room to spread out	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like the colors in the YA/Teen section	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I find what I came for in the YA/Teen section most of the time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like the other library sections that are near the YA/Teen section	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mostly I am happier leaving the library than when I arrived	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

About Your YA/Teen Section

10. The best parts of the Young Adult/Teen section are... (check all that apply)

- ☐ It's free
- ☐ It's a good place to hang out with friends
- ☐ It's a good place to wait for my ride home
- ☐ Teens are welcome
- ☐ It's a quiet study area
- ☐ Separate meeting/study room(s)
- ☐ Computers for studying and printing
- ☐ Internet connection
- ☐ Books, magazines, and other printed materials
- ☐ DVDs & CDs
- ☐ Seating/furniture (like booths, beanbags, tables, footstools, stools, etc.)
- ☐ Art/displays (wall hangings, etc.)
- ☐ Posters
- ☐ Library staff
- ☐ Volunteers
- ☐ My parents approve of me being here
- ☐ Other things I like about the YA/Teen section are... (say what)

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11. My favorite furniture in the Young Adult/Teen section is... (check one)

- ☐ Couch/sofa
- ☐ Bench
- ☐ Booth
- ☐ Footstool
- ☐ Rocking chair
- ☐ Desk chair
- ☐ Tables
- ☐ Counters
- ☐ Does not matter to me

12. The noise level in the Young Adult/Teen section of the library is... (check one)

- ☐ Way too loud
- ☐ Okay
- ☐ Too quiet
- ☐ Does not matter to me



13. The lighting in the Young Adult/Teen section is... (check one)

- ☐ Way to bright
- ☐ Okay
- ☐ Way too dark
- ☐ Does not matter to me



14. The information signs in the Young Adult/Teen section are... (check one)

- ☐ Not helpful
- ☐ Okay
- ☐ Helpful
- ☐ Does not matter to me

15. Most of the furniture in the Young Adult/Teen section is... (check one)

- ☐ Moveable
- ☐ Not moveable

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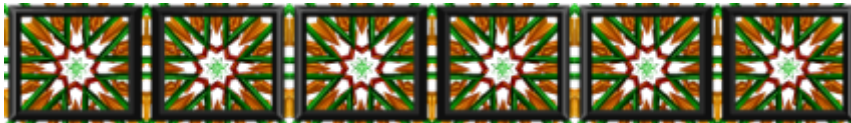
Other things the library might provide for young people:

16. I would prefer library furniture that is... (check one)

- ☐ Moveable
- ☐ Not moveable

17. Should eating be allowed in the library?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Does not matter to me



18. What I can see from the Young Adult/Teen section (such as other areas in the library, views to the outside, etc.) is... (check one)

- ☐ Not important to me
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Very important

19. The library's use of "green" (environmentally sustainable) materials is... (check one)

- ☐ Not important to me / I don't notice one way or another
- ☐ Somewhat important to me
- ☐ Very important to me

20. Things I would like to see in the Young Adult/Teen section in my library... (if your library doesn't have a Young Adult/Teen section, you can list some things you'd like to see in one)

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Life Beyond the Library

Please tell us a little more about when you are not at the library.

We're asking so that we can better understand what kinds of places you like and what you like about them to help us design teen library spaces that young people like to use.

(You can skip any questions that don't apply to you or that you don't want to answer for any reason.)

21. Check *three* places you go to a lot outside of school... (check only three)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home or other relative's house | <input type="checkbox"/> Community or youth center (such as the YMCA, Boys & Girls' Club, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend's house | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gaming or music store or arcade | <input type="checkbox"/> After-school program (sports or other activities) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mall or shopping area | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Park or other outdoor recreation area | <input type="checkbox"/> Job/work (paid) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer job/work (unpaid) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant/diner | <input type="checkbox"/> I mostly stay home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious group or activity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

22. When I am home I mostly like to sit on... (check all that apply)

- ☐ The floor
- ☐ A cushion, beanbag, pillows, etc.
- ☐ A low stool or footstool
- ☐ On a wooden or plastic chair
- ☐ On a padded "wheely" desk chair
- ☐ In a rocking chair
- ☐ On a bench or booth-style seat
- ☐ On a couch or sofa



23. When I'm in my bedroom I *mostly* sit...(check one)

- ☐ On my bed or couch
- ☐ On a desk chair
- ☐ On the floor
- ☐ On a comfortable chair
- ☐ On a pile of pillows or cushions
- ☐ On a seat I designed myself (please briefly describe)

24. Besides sleeping, my bedroom is... (check all that apply)

- ☐ An office for my school work
- ☐ An entertainment center (computer, music, etc.)
- ☐ A museum about my life (pictures, memories, toys, etc.)
- ☐ A place to be alone
- ☐ A place I share with my brother/sister
- ☐ A place to hang-out with my friends
- ☐ I don't spend much time in my room

Other (describe)



25. Please enter your age:

Age in years

26. I am:

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male