

WAUKESHA PUBLIC LIBRARY

POLICY: Use of Teen Zone

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Purpose

The Waukesha Public Library is dedicated to providing a safe and welcoming environment for patrons of all ages. The Teen Zone, located on the first floor of the library, is a safe, welcoming, and engaging space meant for teenagers in grades 6-12. The Library reserves the right to determine who can be in and remain in the Library's Teen Zone. Hereafter, "teens" refers to someone in grades 6-12.

Use of the Space

- The Teen Zone is for those in grades 6-12. Those who do not appear to be in grades 6-12 and are unable to prove their grade may be asked to move to another area of the library.
- Adults and younger patrons may visit the Teen Zone to browse for an item; however, the space and programs are exclusively for teens.
- If a teen 15 or older is looking after a child under the age of 10 (see Policy A-8), they will be asked to move to an all-ages area.
- Computers in the Teen Zone are for teens only and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Unless it is offered as part of a teen program, food is not permitted in the Teen Zone. Securely covered drinks are allowed.
- The Teen Zone cannot accommodate tutoring sessions.

Behavior

- Teens must respect each other and library staff in the Teen Zone.
- All teens must follow the posted Library Code of Conduct and are expected to use the Library appropriately. Teens who do not follow these rules are subject to the same consequences as other Library users, including being required to leave the Library.

Safety

- Staff may, as needed, notify guardians, School Resource Officers, or authorities such as the City of Waukesha Police Department either to assist with the enforcement of discipline in the library or to ensure the safety of a teen.
- If any teens remain at the Library or on Library grounds 15 minutes after closing, a staff member may contact the Waukesha Police Department to ensure safe transport.