

## **Teen Space Usage Policy**

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The Teen Space located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor mezzanine of the Stickney Forest-View Public Library District is specifically designed for use by middle school and high school students ages 12 to 18. The Teen Space Librarian and Youth Services staff monitor the area to provide assistance and to ensure appropriate access by this age group.

This dedicated area addresses needs and provides resources specifically for these users including PCs with Internet access, a big screen TV with a DVD player, a group study corner and programs.

All activities and programs in the Teen Space are designed solely for this age group; no other patrons or programs will be accommodated in this area. The adjoining conference room is available for use by all ages, but Teen programs will take priority over other program or community usage. Adults wishing to browse and checkout the Teen Collection are welcome to do so, but the study space and equipment is reserved exclusively for teen use. Parents and siblings may be in the space if they are accompanied by a teen between the ages of 12-18.

As this space is an open area and best suited for informal use, advance reservations for separate, private meetings will not be accepted.

The Stickney-Forest View Public Library District is committed to providing an inviting and safe space for teens to engage in individual and group activities. We recognize that the social nature and unique characteristics of this age group require a separate space designed for their needs.

### **Guidelines**

- The Teen Center is open during all regular Library hours.
- Signs are posted to indicate the age group permitted in this specific area and to restrict other users from the area.
- The Teen Space Librarian, as well as other staff, monitor and resolve behavior problems.
- Patrons aged 12-18 are strongly encouraged to use the computers in the Teen Space rather than the computers in other areas of the Library whenever possible.
- The Patron Code of Conduct of The Stickney-Forest View Public Library District applies to behavior in the Teen Space.
- Those who fail to conform to the Patron Code of Conduct and comply with other Library policies will be asked to vacate the Teen Space.

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