

Teen Space Guidelines

The Defiance Public Library's Teen Space is designed for those ages 12-18 to socialize, study, and participate in events. All individuals are welcome to browse the Young Adult collection, retrieve materials, and use the facility, but the space will be unavailable during teen specific events which regularly occur on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 4-7:30 pm.

All teens are expected to follow the policies outlined in our **Patron Code of Conduct**.

The following behaviors are not permitted in the Teen Space:

- Making unreasonable noise such as yelling or listening to loud music
- Provoking arguments, fighting or arranging fights on or off premises
- Harassing other individuals including behavior that is intimidating, offensive, or hostile
- Using profane, obscene, and abusive language, or racial and ethnic slurs
- Running, shoving, excessive cuddling, or behavior that may physically harm you or another individual
- Possessing weapons or other items deemed dangerous by library staff
- Monopolizing or obstructing the space, seating, tables or equipment to the exclusion of others
- Committing theft, vandalism, or other illegal acts which are subject to prosecution

Library staff reserve the right to ask individuals to stop any inappropriate behaviors or to ask them to leave the library building or library property if inappropriate behaviors persist.

Of special note:

- If attending an event, teens must stay in the library building unless the event is occurring outdoors or the teen is leaving the event.
- Concerning children in your care: Any children in your care while you are here are your responsibility. Our policy stipulates that any child under the age of 6 must be accompanied by a caregiver at all times. You are also responsible for making sure children of any age in your care behave while here.
- Concerning media: The television is for use with teen events and classes. It may be used to watch movies, listen to music, or to play video games only if there is a staff member who is familiar with the equipment present at the teen desk and if we own the necessary copyright licensing. Media must be clean and rated no higher than Teen or PG-13.
- Concerning closing: All activities including but not limited to video games, crafts, and board games must begin clean up 15 minutes prior to closing. If working on a project, you may leave it at the teen desk with your name attached.