



## **DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### **TEEN ROOM POLICY**

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The North Branch and South Branch locations of the Denton Public Library provide designated areas, Teen Rooms, for youth, ages 11-17. The purpose of these spaces is to demonstrate to teens that the library cares about teen developmental, recreational, educational, and social needs and to enable teens to be themselves in a teen-friendly environment. Because of the unique needs of this population, special considerations are given that differ from the policies enforced in the other public spaces of the Library.

#### **Using the Teen Space**

The Teen Room is a “Teen Only” space. Adults and children under 11 are allowed in the stacks of the teen area to browse and look for materials, but are not permitted to work, play or sit in the area. The Teen Room is an open, activity-centered space.

#### **Computers**

Public internet computers in the Teen Rooms can only be accessed by teens, ages 11-17. More than one user is allowed to be present at each teen computer and talking is allowed if kept at a reasonable volume. No food of any kind is allowed at the computers. All other guidelines set by the Denton Public Library Internet and Computer Use Policy must be followed.

#### **Food and Drink**

Refer to the Denton Public Library’s Food and Drink Policy.

#### **Video Games**

Teen areas include video gaming systems for teens.

Only one game is inserted by a staff member per day. Only staff members may handle games, the gaming console and the TV. Controllers should be placed in designated container when not use. Volume on the TV must be muted, and no loud voices or yelling is allowed. Gaming systems may not be available for use during Teen classes or programs. Library staff may shut the system off for the day or forbid a customer from using the system if they do not follow directives.

#### **Behavior**

The Denton Public Library Rules of Conduct will apply to occupants of the Teen Rooms. The Teen Room is a safe space where there is zero tolerance of bullying or harassment. The Denton Public Library adheres to the City of Denton’s Anti-Bullying and Anti-Harassment Policy, #510.01.