

## Teen Spaces Policy

## BOARD POLICY

Pikes Peak Library District is committed to providing inviting and safe spaces for teen patrons (ages 12 through 18) to engage in individual and group activities. Our teen spaces are dedicated areas designed and intended exclusively for teen patrons. Teens can socialize, hang out, attend programs, and use Library resources in a welcoming and teen friendly environment.

## **PROCEDURES**

- A. Parents and caregivers are responsible for determining the suitability of materials for their teen(s). Materials in the teen collection are selected for teen patrons. The collection should meet the needs of this entire age group; however, materials provided for an 18-year-old may not be appropriate for a 12-year-old.
- B. Teen spaces are intended exclusively for patrons ages 12 through 18 years old.\*
- C. Adults (including, but not limited to parents, caregivers, tutors, or legal advocates) may stay in teen spaces with their teens only if they are actively assisting with material selection, homework, or other one-on-one help. Adults and children are welcome to browse and check out materials from the teen collection for use outside of the teen space.
- D. East Library and Library 21c offer study rooms in the teen spaces. The study rooms are available for, and may be reserved by, teen patrons only.
- E. Teen patrons are expected to follow Pikes Peak Library District's <u>Code of Conduct Policy</u>.

\*Some Library locations open teen spaces to other patrons when schools are in session. Ask Library staff about how their space is used.