

## **DeKalb Public Library Teen Corridor Policy**

The DeKalb Public Library's Teen Corridor consists of the Teen Room and the Teen Area. Together these form a dedicated space for teen patrons with the intention of providing a safe, supportive, and positive place for them to use library resources, attend programs, and socialize in a welcoming and friendly environment.

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### **DeKalb Public Library Teen Corridor Procedures**

1. Patrons currently enrolled or rising to grades 6-12 are considered teens, and are encouraged to use the Teen Corridor, which consists of the Teen Room and Teen Lounge.
2. The Teen Lounge is a multi-use space, which at times may be reserved solely for teens, as indicated through signage. During such times non-teen patrons may not use the Teen Lounge except to retrieve materials.
3. The Teen Room is reserved for teen patrons and hosts educational and recreational activities and Library programs for teens. Occasionally, other Library programming will utilize the space, in which cases the appropriate age of attendees will be clearly marked on all marketing associated with the program. Teens are encouraged to participate in library programs throughout the Library which have been designed for teens and/or adults.
4. Teen study rooms are available for teens or tutors working with teens. Teen Study rooms are available during Teen Room Open Hours, and may be available during programs held in the Teen Room, at the discretion of Library staff. Teens may also reserve Adult study rooms if the Teen study rooms are occupied.
5. The Teen Corridor is a designated eating area, and covered drinks and non-messy, odor-free snacks may be eaten there. Food and drinks must not be used near computers or other Library equipment. Patrons must keep food in the Teen Corridor or other designated areas within the Library. Patrons must also clean up any messes made. The Library reserves the right to restrict patrons from eating in the Library at its discretion.
6. Library equipment, including computers, video games, and chargers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Teens wishing to use library equipment must register with Teen Staff using their library card or by signing in to their Skyward account. Use is ordinarily limited to 30 minutes per session. All equipment, including tablets and video games, must remain in the Teen Corridor, and must be returned to staff 15 minutes prior to closing.
7. Video game sessions are considered to be public, and any teen may join in any ongoing game as circumstances allow.
8. Only Library-approved games may be played on Library equipment.
9. The Teen Corridor is immediately adjacent to several general areas of the Library that are used for quiet study. Teen patrons are expected to be respectful of other Library patrons, and to conduct themselves according to the Library's Code of Conduct. Teen patrons are expected to keep low conversational levels and use headphones for music or video while using the Teen Lounge.