



Ames Free Library
Where the Community Connects
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TEEN LIBRARY GUIDELINES

The Teen Library at the Ames Free Library located at 56 Main Street is a space for teens ages 12 -18. It was created to offer this age group an inviting place to read, study, use computers, and find materials selected just for them.

Following the rules and policies below will ensure that all teens feel welcome and comfortable in this space.

Appropriate activities in the Teen Library include:

- leisure reading,
- homework,
- computer use,
- quiet conversation with friends,
- use of library material.

The Teen Library should only be used for its intended purposes; therefore the following behaviors are not acceptable:

- physical contact including hitting, rough-housing, physical displays of affection,
- destructive, threatening, and/or inappropriate behavior,
- disruptive noise and conversation,
- inappropriate use of library furniture, computers, books, and material.

Teens exhibiting any of the above behaviors will be asked to leave the Teen Library immediately. Repeat incidents may result in the loss of library privileges.

The materials in this room are intended for a teen audience. Library staff will not censor a patron's selection. Parents are responsible for deciding which items they feel are appropriate for their children. Items (books, books on CD, playaways, graphic novels, DVDs) are selected for content not reading level, so please be aware that ages 12 – 18 encompasses a wide range of maturity.

The computers and study space in this area are reserved for teens. General policies and computer policy at the Teen Library are consistent with those for the library as a whole. Adults and/or young children who are not accompanying a teen may be asked to leave the Teen Library and use the Main Library building.