

Teen Room Policy

- The health and safety of our patrons and staff is of utmost importance. Patrons must adhere to any state or local guidelines in regard to health and safety.
- The Teen Room is primarily for young adults between the ages of 12 and 18. Their caregivers and unaccompanied adults may select materials for loan, but not linger in room.
- Teens may use the room unattended. The use of foul, offensive, or threatening language or gestures is prohibited. Drugs, smoking, illicit or sexual behavior are not allowed. Noise level will be monitored, and the playing of loud videos or music is discouraged.
- Should it be determined that a young adult is engaging in disruptive or dangerous behavior, the following steps will be taken:
 - A staff member will advise the young adult to stop the behavior — once. If disruptive behavior continues, the young adult will be asked to leave the library. The young adult may not return for the duration of that day.
 - Should the young adult require a parent/guardian for transportation, the staff member will allow the young adult to call for transportation.
 - In the event of an emergency, the Great Barrington Police Department may be called to assist with disruptive young adults who do not adhere to disciplinary actions.
- We ask that patrons leave the Teen Room the way they found it: discard garbage and straighten chairs. Food and drink are not allowed in the Teen Room. Snacks and drinks may be consumed on the designated bench in the hall or outdoors.
- Materials or backpacks left behind may be claimed at the Main Circulation Desk upstairs.
- Group leaders and parents/guardians meeting in the library are responsible for the actions of all young adults who participate in their activity.