

Athol Public Library

Young Adult Space Use Policy

The Young Adult staff of the Athol Public Library strives to create a warm, inviting, and fun environment for teens. The library offers many programs and services that encourage teens to develop a love of books, reading and learning. Library staff takes the safety and well-being of teens at the library seriously. It is the intention of this policy to enlist the cooperation of caregivers of teens and other adults to ensure that the Athol Public Library provides a safe and pleasant experience for all who use it.

General Behavior Guidelines for Young Adult Area

The Young Adult area (also known as the Teen Space) serves teens ages 12 through 18, their caregivers, teachers, some adults with developmental disabilities (with prior approval of the Director or Youth Services Librarian), and students who need young adult materials. Other patrons may make selections from the Young Adult Collection to borrow or to read or use in another area of the library.

Unaccompanied Adults in the Youth Services Area: For the safety of teens in the library, adults (age 18 and up) unaccompanied by teens are asked to remain in the Adult sections of the library unless they are actively selecting materials or participating in a library sponsored program that is open to their age Youth Services Area.

Caregivers/guardians are responsible for their teen's behavior while in the library.

Caregivers/guardians will be notified if their children are left in a vulnerable situation or require supervision due to disruptive behavior.

Behavior Policy

All teens are expected to engage in appropriate behavior conducive to maintaining a safe and productive library environment for all patrons. Parents and guardians must realize that, even in their absence, they are legally responsible for their child's actions. (Please refer to the Policy Governing the Use of the Library).

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