

WEBER COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Board of Trustees

YOUNG ADULT SERVICES PROGRAM POLICY

MISSION

The Weber County Library System provides programs for teens to keep them engaged with and interested in the Library as they grow out of Children's Services to encourage their continued reading and library use; to provide them with access to current information and quality literature; to instruct them in information literacy; and to provide them with an environment that meets their needs as they transition into adulthood. Teen Services programs provide opportunities for teens to meet, learn, and engage in meaningful dialogues framed around a topic, theme, or experience. These programs link individuals, communities, and cultures by stimulating connections where none existed before – connections between one individual and another, between one culture and another, and between the community and the individual.

Purpose:

It is the purpose of all Teen Services programs to:

- Introduce the community to Library resources in order to promote Library use
- Develop capable, critical users of information technology
- Serve as a foundation for the exchange and exploration of ideas
- Support teen development through relationship building and by creating opportunities for teens to learn and contribute
- Connect with other individuals and youth-serving organizations to support teens development and strengthen communities
- Bring diverse teens together to bridge divides within a neutral atmosphere

Programs:

Programs may showcase Library materials in all formats and include some or all of the following: summer reading programs, book discussions, cultural performances, film screenings, community services, outreach, technology classes, special one-time or sequenced programs, and a variety of educational, recreational, and informational programs meeting the interests of teens in the community. Teen programs are developed in support of the Library mission and focus on learning.

Through its Teen Services programming, the Library works closely with all of its communities. The Library establishes and maintains ties with appropriate agencies and organizations in order to coordinate programming resources and form partnerships. Teen Services participates in outreach events throughout the year to support community-wide engagement and publicize Library services.

Curiosity and engagement are essential to knowledge empowerment. The Library is one of the primary public institutions offering free access to resources that enable teens to find the information they need to become empowered member of their communities. To this end, the Library is committed to ensuring that all avenues of information can be explored and discussed without judgment or bias by facilitating and hosting informational and educational teen programming that engages diverse populations.

Programs are evaluated on a regular basis to ensure quality and relevance.

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