

<b>City of Northfield, Minnesota</b>	<b>Policy Number: 7.14</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>Adopted: 7/13/2022</b>
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<b>TEEN SPACE USAGE POLICY</b>	

**PURPOSE**

Northfield Public Library is committed to providing inviting and safe spaces for teen patrons (ages 12 through 18) to engage in individual and group activities, and to support the unique developmental, recreational, educational, and social needs of teenage patrons. Our teen space is a dedicated area designed and intended exclusively for teen patrons. Teens can socialize, hang out, attend programs, and use Library resources in a welcoming and teen friendly environment.

**POLICY**

- Food and drink are permitted within the Teen Space. Patrons are expected to clean up after themselves.
- Parents and caregivers are responsible for determining the suitability of materials for their teen(s). Materials in the teen collection are selected for teen patrons. The collection should meet the needs of this entire age group; however, materials provided for an 18-year-old may not be appropriate for a 12-year-old.
- Teen spaces are intended exclusively for patrons ages 12 through 18 years old.
- Adults (including, but not limited to parents, caregivers, tutors, or legal advocates) may stay in teen spaces with their teens only if they are actively assisting with material selection, homework, or other one-on-one help. Adults and children are welcome to browse and check out materials from the teen collection for use outside of the teen space.
- Equipment and furniture in the Teen Space is designated for use in the space only and is not to be removed.
- Teen patrons are expected to follow Northfield Public Library’s Patron Conduct Policy.