



Dover Public Library Teen Room Policy

The Dover Public Library is committed to having a space for teens that is safe, welcoming, and engaging. According to the Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA) Teen Space Guidelines [*ALA Teen Room Guidelines.pdf](#) "The Teen space is intended for customers 12-18 years old, and its purpose is to centralize the information and recreation resources of this age group while offering teens a safe, supportive, and positive space that is uniquely their own."

With these guidelines in mind, the Teen Room Use Policy states:

- The Teen Room is designed and intended for the use of people ages 12-18.
- All patrons are welcome to browse the Teen Collection and select materials to check out.
- The use of furnishings, technology, and activity spaces are predominantly reserved for use by teens.
- Teens are subject to the Patron Code of Conduct when using the Teen Room.
- Library staff reserves the right to ask patrons outside the 12-18 age range to relocate to a more age-appropriate space within the library. Staff will provide reasonable accommodations, including but not limited to, extending the use of the Teen Room to adults providing assistive services and to people older than 18 for whom the Teen Room is developmentally appropriate.

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