

## Clear Lake Public Library Teen Area Policy

The Clear Lake Public Library is committed to providing an inviting and safe space for teenage patrons to engage in individual and group activities. The social nature and unique characteristics of this age group require a separate space designed for their needs. Teens are expected to respect the overall library environment, and comply with its conduct policies.

### **Regulations**

1. The Teen Area at the Clear Lake Public Library is for patrons in or entering 6th - 12th grade, including those enrolled in homeschool programs.
2. While patrons of all ages are welcome to browse and check out materials from this area, the use of electronic equipment and furniture within this area is exclusively for teens.
3. Parents, caregivers, and siblings must be accompanied by a teen in or entering 6th -12th grade.

### **Expectations**

1. Teens shall respect each other, library staff and other patrons in word and action.
2. The Teen Area should be used only for its intended purposes.
3. Teens are expected to keep the area clean. Covered drinks and snacks are allowed in the Teen Area.

### **Gaming system**

1. Users must be in or entering 6th-12th grade.
2. Users with accounts in good standing may check out the video system from the circulation staff. The individual to whom the system is checked out is responsible for its condition and timely return. He or she will also be required to sign the Game System Loan Agreement.
3. Game playing will be limited to one hour. If no one is waiting, play may continue. Only four players at one time will be allowed to use the system. Anyone using the gaming system must be willing to end the game when requested by staff.
4. Gamers will be asked to respect others and follow the library's Code of Conduct policy.
5. The system must be returned to the circulation desk one half hour (1/2 hr.) before library closes. Please wait until it has been checked in.
6. Headphones must be used at all times.
8. The gaming system should not be left unattended. Please let a staff person know if you need to leave for any reason.

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