



## MAYWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### **Hal Bloom Young Adult Center Policy**

The James and Pauline Hackbarth Free Public Library of Maywood (the library) is committed to providing an inviting and safe community space for young adult patrons to engage in individual and group activities. In order to accommodate the social nature and unique characteristics of this age group, the library has dedicated a separate Young Adult area, the Hal Bloom Young Adult Center, within the library building.

#### **Regulations**

1.1 The Young Adult center is for patrons from 13 through 17 years of age.

1.2 While patrons of all ages are welcome to browse and check out materials from the Young Adult collection, the use of computers, television, collaboration spaces and other equipment within this room is exclusively for the use of students from ages 13 through 17. Certain Young Adult resources and equipment may be shared with other library departments at the discretion of the Director or the Youth Services Librarian.

1.3 Parents or caregivers may be in the Young Adult Lounge with their child, if the child is between 13 and 17 years of age. Adults not accompanied by a teen may visit the Young Adult Lounge to access the collection on their behalf. Otherwise, adult patrons must use designated adult spaces.

1.4 The Library reserves the right to utilize the Young Adult Lounge for scheduled programs, events, and gaming activities. The Library also reserves the right to set age limits and/or to require registration for any programs, events, and gaming activities.

#### **Policy Statement 2**

Young Adults are expected to respect the overall library environment and comply with the

library's Code of Conduct and other established policies. The library reserves the right to limit the use of the library by teens who, in the judgment of the library staff, are infringing upon the rights of other library users by inappropriate behavior.

## **Regulations**

2.1 Teens and young adults shall respect each other, library staff and other patrons in word and action.

2.2 The following behaviors are not permitted:

Verbal or physical abuse of staff or patrons

Cursing

Rude or demeaning comments

Abusive language

Racist, sexist, or homophobic language

Talking back to library staff or patrons

Teasing or bullying

Rough housing

Running

Public displays of affection

Actions prohibited in the Library's Code of Conduct, or by local, state, or federal law

2.3 Any behavior considered aggressive by the staff may result in the police being notified and further actions may be taken.

2.4 Vandalism, theft or damage of library property or to library grounds is a legal matter and the police will be notified.

2.6 Food and sugary beverages are not allowed in the YA Center. Any food brought into the library must be consumed in the designated area on the lower floor. Water is allowed in the YA Center.

### **Policy Statement 3**

The Library is committed to providing teens and young adults with resources for both educational and recreational needs and recognizes the vital role that computers and the internet play in their lives. To support those needs the Young Adult Center is equipped with computers with internet access and other technology.

### **Regulations**

3.1 The use of the computers in the Young Adult Center is restricted to patrons from 13 through 17 years of age. No exceptions will be made for library patrons whose age falls outside this range.

3.2 Use of the computers in the Young Adult Center constitutes agreement to abide by the Library's Internet Use Policy.

3.3 All equipment must be handled with care and used only for its intended purpose. Users may not mishandle, damage, deface, or misuse any equipment in the Young Adult Center.

### **Enforcement**

Young adults in violation of the Young Adult Center Policy, the Library Code of Conduct, the Internet Use Policy, or any other Library policy will be given a warning.

Repeated violations of the same policy or extreme misconduct including, but not limited to physical or verbal aggression towards other patrons or staff, theft, or attempted theft, may result in the police being notified and an immediate temporary or permanent loss of library privileges.

*Adopted by the Maywood Library Board of Trustees on*