

TEEN SERVICES POLICY

The West Hartford Public Library will strive to meet the library needs of the community's teens of middle school and high school age.

The adult and children's collections of the West Hartford Public Library System will provide print materials, electronic services and media that will meet the general cultural, educational and informational needs of its teenage residents.

In order to meet the special personal, topical and recreational needs of teens in middle school and high school, the West Hartford Public Library will provide separate and distinct collections of materials selected for those needs of that age group. These collections are called the Teen Collections.

In order to facilitate the transition of many teens from the services of the Children's Division to the services of the Adult Division at the main library, a comfortable and supervised area designed and furnished for teens called the Teen Room is provided.

Programming appropriate to the interests of young adults and to the library mission will be provided on a regular basis.

Library staff will reach out to teens in the community through community agencies and organizations to inform them of library resources and services.

Library staff will network and cooperate with community organizations, agencies and institutions to support services to teens that are related to the library's mission.

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