

# Hastings Public Library

## Teen Room Policy

The Hastings Public Library Teen Room is a space in the community for teenagers to spend time while feeling safe and welcome. The social nature and unique characteristics of this age group require a separate space designed for their needs.

Patrons of all ages utilizing the Teen Room or any Library space are expected to follow all Library policies, including the Library Code of Conduct, Internet Use Policy and WiFi Policy.

Patrons of all ages are welcome to browse and check out materials from the Teen Room. However, the space is for patrons in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The teen room is open for general use from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm on weekdays, during the Hastings Area School System calendar year, and if no teens are present. During all other times, teens have priority access to the room, including all tables and meeting areas. Teen computers are reserved only for use by 13-17 year olds.

Patrons of other ages may still access the Teen Room to find and check out materials. Adults or children not accompanied by a teen are expected to find seating, computers and work space elsewhere in the library. The Library reserves the right to ask patrons to leave the Teen Room at any time.

Teens are expected to respect the overall library environment, and may not engage in activities or communications that disrupt other library users or staff. All other library policies apply to the Teen Room. 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.

Anyone in violation of the Teen Room Policy or the Library's Code of Conduct will be given a warning. Extreme behavior or repeated violations may result in the loss of library privileges and teen violators may be required to be accompanied by an adult when on library property.