

## Teen Room Use

The Glenview Public Library provides a “Teen Only” room, (*Teen Scene*), designed to meet the educational and recreational needs of Glenview’s high school community. This space is considered an informal and comfortable area that is readily visible and recognizable to teenagers. The Teen Scene is not viewed as an extension of Youth Services, as this area houses a collection of Young Adult materials aimed specifically toward the needs of the older teen, as well as electronic games that are deemed suitable for high school students, which may not be suitable for younger children.

The Library encourages its high school patrons to properly use the booths, lounge chairs and other available seating in this room for appropriate social interaction and/or group activities. The *Teen Scene* is an open, activity-centered space, and is not considered appropriate for one-on-one tutoring or activities requiring privacy. Private study rooms, more suitable for this purpose, are available in other areas of the Library. In keeping with Library Policy, covered beverages are allowed in the Teen Room, except at computer workstations.

However, teens are expected to respect the overall Library environment, and may not engage in activities or communications that disrupt other Library users or staff. Behavior in the *Teen Scene* shall be subject to the criteria set forth in the library’s formal behavior Policy, *Guidelines for Library Use*.

The Teen Room should be used only for its intended purposes, therefore, no sleeping, no physical contact, no rough housing, no hitting, and no public displays of affection are permitted. Any behavior considered aggressive by the staff may result in the police being notified and further actions being taken.

The most important rule in regards to the Teen Room is to respect each other, Library staff and other patrons in word and action. Vandalism or damage to Library property or to library grounds is a legal matter, and the police will be notified. To maintain the cleanliness of the room, personal grooming is not allowed.

The Library reserves the right to ask any individual or individuals to leave the *Teen Scene* should his/her actions violate Library policy. Repeat incidents may result in the loss of library privileges.

### Availability:

- Those using the *Teen Scene* must be able to produce valid high school identification at any time, if age or use is in question.
- The *Teen Scene* shall be available to students all hours that the library is open.

- While patrons of all ages are welcome to browse and check out materials from this Young Adult Collection, the use of computers, television and other electronic equipment within this room is exclusively for the use of the Library's high school patrons.
- The Library reserves the right to utilize the *Teen Scene* for scheduled teen programs, events and gaming activities.

### **Technology in the *Teen Scene*:**

The Library's *Teen Scene* is equipped with the following technology equipment:

- Four computer Internet workstations, available on a first-come, first-served basis
  - Computer use in the *Teen Scene* is limited to a 45 minute session with the opportunity to extend the session in 15 minute increments if no one is waiting to use the computers
  - Prior to using the computer, teens must log in at the individual computer workstation using a valid library card
  - If all computers in the *Teen Scene* are being used, teens may reserve the next available computer at the Reader Services Desk
  - All *Teen Scene* computers provide filtered access to the Internet in accordance with the Library's Internet Access Policy. By using any of the computers in the library, teens agree to only view web pages that are appropriate for a general audience, and not view any web pages (including MySpace profiles, music videos, and chat rooms) that display provocative content. If any content is deemed inappropriate by library staff, the teen will be asked to browse away from the page. A second incident will result in the loss of computer privileges for the day.
- Teens wishing to use personal laptops in the *Teen Scene* area may avail themselves of free access to the Library's Wi-Fi network

In its ongoing effort to provide services and programs that encourage teens to utilize the Library, the Glenview Public Library has dedicated space and equipment in the *Teen Scene* for gaming activities. Recognizing not only the ongoing popularity of computer gaming, but also the social benefits that result from gaming activities, the Library has equipped *Teen Scene* with the following gaming equipment that includes, but is not limited to the following:

- One HD television available for gaming only
- X-Box 360 Gaming System
- PlayStation 3 Gaming System
- Wii Gaming System
  - In order to use the gaming equipment, teens must be able to provide a valid high school ID, and have a valid Glenview Public Library card in good standing
  - Teens must read and agree to these gaming system rules before using the Library's equipment. In doing so, the teen is responsible for using all equipment respectfully, in the manner in which it was intended to be used.
  - Damage to gaming equipment or library property will be the responsibility of the user.

### ***Teen Scene* Gaming System Guidelines:**

- *Teen Scene* gaming equipment is available for use during all hours the Library is open, up to one half (1/2) hour before closing.
- Game playing shall be limited to one 60 minute session. If no one is waiting to use the system, play may continue for another thirty minutes.
- Students using the Library's gaming system must be willing to end any game when requested to do so by Reader Services staff.
- A variety of computer Games selected by the Library's Young Adult Librarian, deemed suitable for teens, are available at the Reader Services Desk upon request.
  - When requesting a game, the student will be asked to leave a valid ID at the Reader Services Desk
  - Gamers will use the games, controllers and accessories available for use in the *Teen Scene*. Only these games or other games checked out from the Glenview Public Library's circulating game collections will be allowed.
  - Teens may not bring in personal games to play in the *Teen Scene*.
- Gamers are asked to respect others by keeping volume and noise at an acceptable level. This includes no vulgar, foul or otherwise inappropriate language or actions. Teens that are disrespectful of others and of Library guidelines will lose gaming privileges for that day. For repeated offenses, other appropriate action, in keeping with the Library's behavior policy, *Guidelines for Library Use*, will be taken.