

**Dover Public
Library**

***Teen Loft
Policy***

***Respect Yourself
Respect Others
Respect the Space***



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The Teen Loft

Our Vision: The Loft is a place where you can BE yourself. It is a fun, relaxing space where teens explore their interests; enjoy the latest trends and materials; experience new activities; and work together in an open and safe environment.

Our Policy: The Loft is the Library's space designed for teens for reading, study, homework, school projects, use of computers for appropriate educational and recreational purposes, and other Library activities. While the Loft is not a quiet space we do expect it to be a respectful space.

Materials in the teen collections are typically selected for readers ages 12-18. The Library strives to reach this entire age group, and what is appropriate for an 18 year old may not be for a 12 year old. Parents are encouraged to talk with their teens about what they are reading and viewing, and to establish such limits as is appropriate for their own family.

Computers in the Loft are reserved for ages 12-18. Computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Teens using the Loft computers may only log on to the computers using their own library card. Another person's card may not be used to access a computer. Groups may not gather around a computer and restrict others from using the space.

Food and drink are not allowed.

Chairs in the area are intended to be moved around to make room for groups working together. Please return furniture to its original position when finished.

Lockers are provided for use by teens. The Library maintains the keys to these lockers. Items may not be left over-night in the lockers. The Library is not responsible for any item(s) that is placed in a locker.

The following behaviors are not permitted in the Library:

- ◆ **Offensive Touching (pushing, hitting, shoving, spitting, poking, etc.)**
- ◆ **Inappropriate language (curse words, explicit language, derogatory comments, etc.)**
- ◆ **Excessive noise (while we are not a quiet space, headphones MUST be used for the computers and all hand-held devices)**
- ◆ **Public displays of affection**
- ◆ **Vandalism, destruction or misuse of library property**

Violation of any of these rules or any other element from the Library's *Acceptable Behavior Policy* will be handled in the following way:

- ◆ The customer will be asked to stop behavior.
- ◆ If behavior continues, the customer will be asked to leave the Library.
- ◆ If the customer refuses to leave, security will be called and the Police may be notified.