



Teen Advisory Board Application

The Farmington Public Library is pleased that you are interested in becoming a member of the Teen Advisory Board! We want to better serve our teen patrons through this program. We encourage you to complete this application thoughtfully and thoroughly.

What is the Teen Advisory Board?

TAB is a group of teens who help influence what materials are put into the teen collection and help with planning teen programming. TAB is a forum to have your opinions and suggestions heard. It is also an opportunity for volunteer hours.

Qualifications

- Must be a high school student in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade; no particular school affiliation is required, and home school students are welcome. The maximum age for a member is 19.
- Must have parental permission to join.
- Must have a library card with the Washington County Library System in good standing.
- Must be willing to attend and participate in monthly advisory board meetings (whether in-person or via Zoom). Meetings will be approximately one-hour long.
- Must be willing to abide by the FPL Teen Advisory Board Guidelines.
- Existing TAB members must reapply each year; previous participation does not guarantee acceptance for the current year

All applicants will be interviewed by an admissions panel.

Benefits of TAB

- Community service hours
- Involvement may be included on college and/or job resumes
- Reference letter for college and/or job applications

How much time will it involve?

TAB will involve at least one hour a month for a meeting, and a minimum of one hour per week volunteering at the library.

Responsibilities of TAB Members

Including but not limited to...

- Regularly attend monthly meetings
- Offer suggestions for Young Adult library materials
- Aid in planning teen programs through brainstorming

Thank you for your interest in the Farmington Public Library's Teen Advisory Board! We look forward to hearing from you! If you have any questions, please contact Scott Baker by calling the library at (479) 267-2674 or e-mailing library@farmpl.org.



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Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____ Grade: _____
_____ Do you have a library card? Y or N
Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____
School: _____

Why do you want to be on the FPL Teen Advisory Board?

The Teen Advisory Board meets once a month in the afternoon (snacks and drinks will be provided). Can you commit to meeting this often?

___ YES ___ NO

Additionally, Teen Advisory Board members must commit to volunteering at the library a minimum of four (4) hours per month (at least one (1) hour per week). Can you commit to volunteering this often?

___ YES ___ NO

Are you now or have you ever been a library volunteer?

___ YES ___ NO

Do you have other volunteer experience (through school, church, clubs, etc.)? If so, please tell us where and detail your role and responsibilities.

Do you currently have ideas for making the library a better place for teens? If so, please explain.



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Please write your name on the line below and then initial next to each requirement indicating that you have read and agreed to our policies.

I, _____,

____ Will be punctual for all programs and meetings, and will give notice to the Library as soon as possible if I am unable to perform my duties

____ Will show respect to everyone with whom I work

____ Will be enthusiastic about volunteering and conduct myself in a professional manner

For Teens: I certify that all statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have read and initialed each item in the Board Member guidelines above and agree to adhere to these policies.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Parent/Guardian: As the legal guardian of the participant of the Farmington Public Library Teen Advisory Board, I also adhere to these policies. I understand that my teen is expected to attend all meetings and is responsible for any additional hours for which they agree to work. As their guardian, I agree to ensure that they are able to get to the Library when needed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Teen Advisory Board Guidelines

Teen Advisory Board members are expected to hold themselves in high regard when it comes to their actions and behavior outside the library. TAB members are advocates for their peers and the library, and should therefore conduct themselves in a manner befitting those roles.

In addition to abiding by the Patron Conduct expectations outlined in the Farmington Public Library Policy, TAB members are also expected to:

- Respect each other, library staff, and library patrons
 - Be polite when interacting with others
 - Listen while others speak
 - Refrain from unduly negative comments
- Attend and participate in meetings, whether in-person or virtual (our meeting time is sparse, so multiple absences may result in removal from the group, unless otherwise authorized by library staff)
- Attend as many Teen programs as possible and assist with whatever is needed (this could include setting up, taking down, concessions, and/or clean-up)
- Be trustworthy and reliable in carrying out the responsibilities they have accepted