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## **Purpose**

The Lincoln Public Library provides specialized services to young adults aged 10 to 16.

The Lincoln Public Library's young adult programs provide support for intellectual growth, cultural appreciation and recreational activities.

The Lincoln Public Library's young adult collection encourages them to read, to satisfy their curiosity and need for information about the world around them.

The Lincoln Public Library will ensure that quality library service is offered to young adults by providing:

### **1. Young Adult Facilities**

- i. Library space designated specially for young adults;
- ii. Separate programming space.

### **2. Staff**

- i. Specialists in young adult library service;
- ii. On-going staff training and professional development in young adult services.

### **3. Resources**

- i. A materials selection policy that reflects the needs of young adults;
- ii. Readers' Advisory and Reference Service which supports young adults in their recreational reading and academic work.

### **4. Programs**

- i. Adequate funds are made available to support all young adult programs;
- ii. A variety of programs furthering the informational, cultural, learning and leisure interests of young adults both in and out of the library;
- iii. Young adults will be actively involved in program planning through the Teen Advisory Committee;

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- iv. Young adult programs may be organized in cooperation with community agencies and schools;
- v. Some programs are offered on a cost recovery basis.

**5. Access**

- i. Young adults 15 years of age and under require written parental permission to access the Internet.
- ii. Young adults 15 years of age and under cannot borrow DVDs.

**6. Promotion of Services**

- i. Library promotional materials related to young adult services and activities;
- ii. Press releases and articles for the local media;
- iii. Information on the library's website, blogs, Facebook page and Twitter.

**7. Community Outreach and Advocacy**

- i. Encouragement for the continued cooperation of schools and other community groups in the use of the Library;
- ii. Promote and welcome visits from schools and homeschoolers;
- iii. Expertise and support for community groups and organizations serving young adults;
- iv. Participation in collaborative community efforts.

**8. Rights of the Teen**

The Lincoln Public Library endeavours to provide this service based on principles stated in the Ontario Library Association's Teen Rights in the Public Library, 2010.

**Related Documents:**

D-5 Children's and Youth Collections

F-2 Public Internet Access

F-5 Program Fees

Teen Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (Appendix)

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