

PUBLIC USE OF AGE SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The purpose of this policy is to stipulate who may use the Children and Teen Areas of the Hershey Public Library and to address the safety and welfare of children and teens in the library.

Children's Areas

Children's Areas within the Hershey Public Library are special parts of the Library housing specific collections, programs, and services designed especially for children. The purpose of the designated Children's Area in the Hershey Public Library is therefore to provide children and their caregivers with access to these special collections, programs, and services.

The Children's Library is a designated Children's Area. It is available for use by those patrons who are actively looking for items contained in the children's collection and for use by children and their caregivers to attend children's programs and to utilize other services provided by the Children's Library. Patrons not included in these categories may be required to leave the Children's Library and directed to use other areas of the Library.

Teen Areas

Teen Areas within Library facilities are special parts of the Library housing specific collections, programs, and services designed especially for teens. The purpose of the designated Teen Area in the Hershey Public Library is therefore to provide teens with access to these special collections, programs, and services.

The Teen Space is a designated Teen Area. It is available for use by those patrons who are actively looking for items contained in the teen collection and for use by teens to attend teen programs and to utilize other services provided by the Teen Space.

During the school year, the Teen Space is reserved for teen use only, starting at the end of the school day, as designated by the Derry Township School District.

The Teen Space is reserved for use by teenage visitors at all times during Derry Township School District holiday breaks.

Patrons not included in these categories may be required to leave the Teen Space and directed to use other areas of the Library.

Information regarding this policy will be posted in all areas it applies in the Library.

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