



Keene Public Library Policies

Use of the Youth and Teen Rooms and Services	Adopted: September 23, 2025 Revised:
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Keene Public Library encourages young people to use our materials and services to nurture the development of a love of reading and learning. The following guidelines are to ensure a friendly, welcoming and safe environment that prioritizes the interests and needs of minors using the Youth and Teen rooms.

All **Youth** restrooms, furniture, equipment, materials, programs and services, including the use of the Internet, are intended for the use of young people under the age of 14 and others needing children's materials and services.

The **Teen** furniture, equipment, materials, programs, and services, including the use of the Internet, are intended for the use of young people between and including the ages of 11 and 19 or those enrolled in the equivalent of grades 6 through 12, and others needing teen materials and services.

Priority will be given to each department's targeted age. Adults unaccompanied by children or young adults are not allowed to linger in the Youth and Teen areas or programs and will be asked to relocate to other areas of the library.

The Library is not responsible for the care of minors, their supervision or for accidents or other incidents that happen to them or that result from their actions. Minors must be able to provide adequately for their own care and/or manage their own behavior without assistance. A minor 12 years old and younger may be defined as a vulnerable person and should not be alone in the library if they are unable or unwilling to care for themselves and/or manage their own behavior without assistance.

The Youth and Teen areas are used for activities that draw a multitude of noise levels. Users may be re-directed if their actions are out of character for the overall needs and activities of the space at a particular time. All individuals within the Youth and Teen Rooms must adhere to the Library rules and the [Behavioral Expectations Policy](#).

Parents and or guardians are solely responsible for the selection of materials for their own children.



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Unless offered as part of a library program, food is not permitted in the Youth department or Teen Room. Securely covered water is permitted.

Library staff are unable to verify identities and guardianship by telephone. Therefore, for the safety and protection of visiting minors, staff are prohibited from providing information to anyone calling the library regarding the whereabouts of young people.

See also [Internet Acceptable Use policy](#) and [Unattended Vulnerable Persons](#) policy.