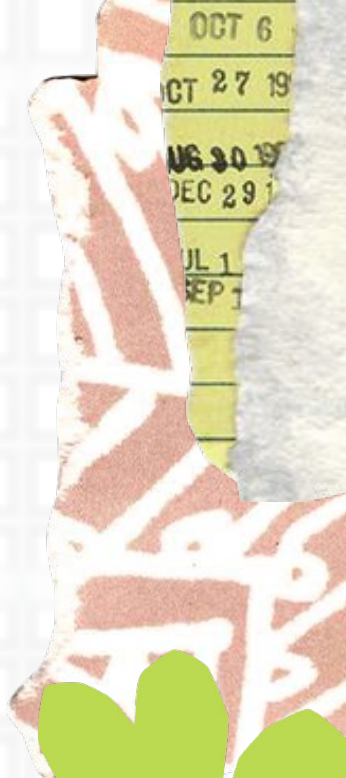


Great Teen Groups

See How They Run





Mark Richardson, Cedar Mill Community Library

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Our Big, Overarching Wisdom

Not all teen groups work the same.

Do what works for you, your teens, and your community.

If what you are doing doesn't work, try something else.



The Basics

How are our teen groups structured?



Why have a teen group?

How does it help the library?

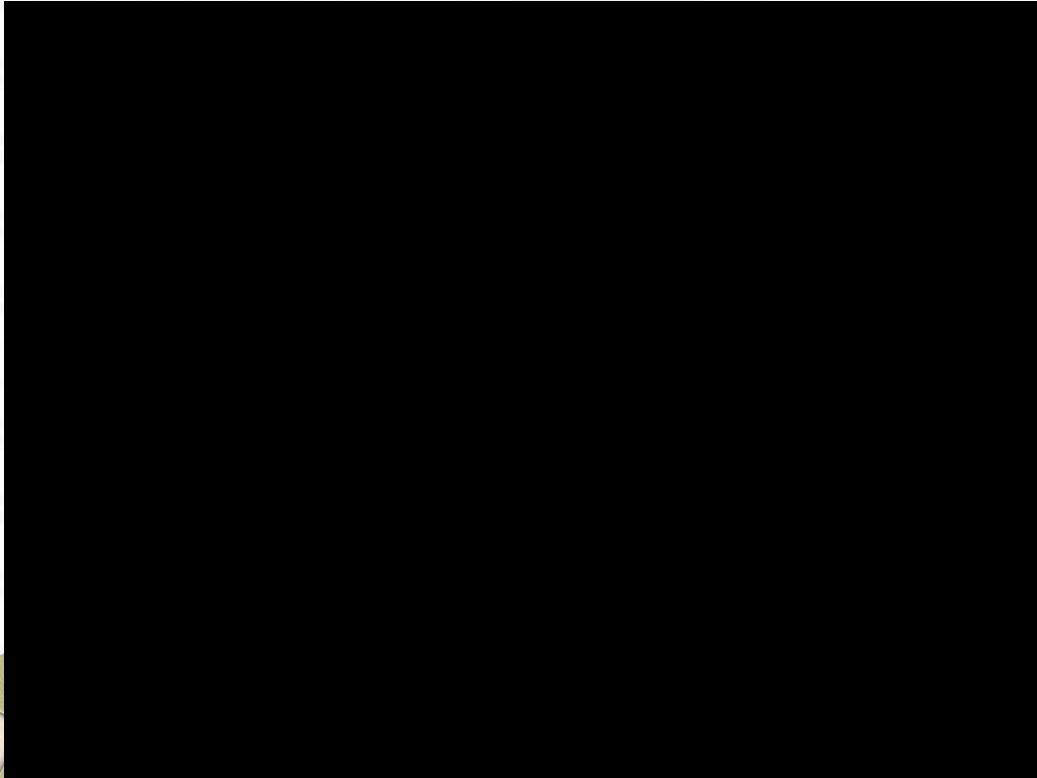
How does it help the teens?



Why did you apply?

Initially, I applied to the Teen Library Council because *I really, I mean, really like* books and give book recommendations to my friends and family.

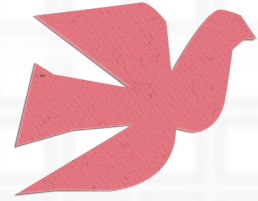
-Aarushi





Recruiting

How do we get teens to apply?



Selection

What kinds of teens are we looking for?

Retention

Why do they stay?



What do you get out of being a part of a teen group at a library?



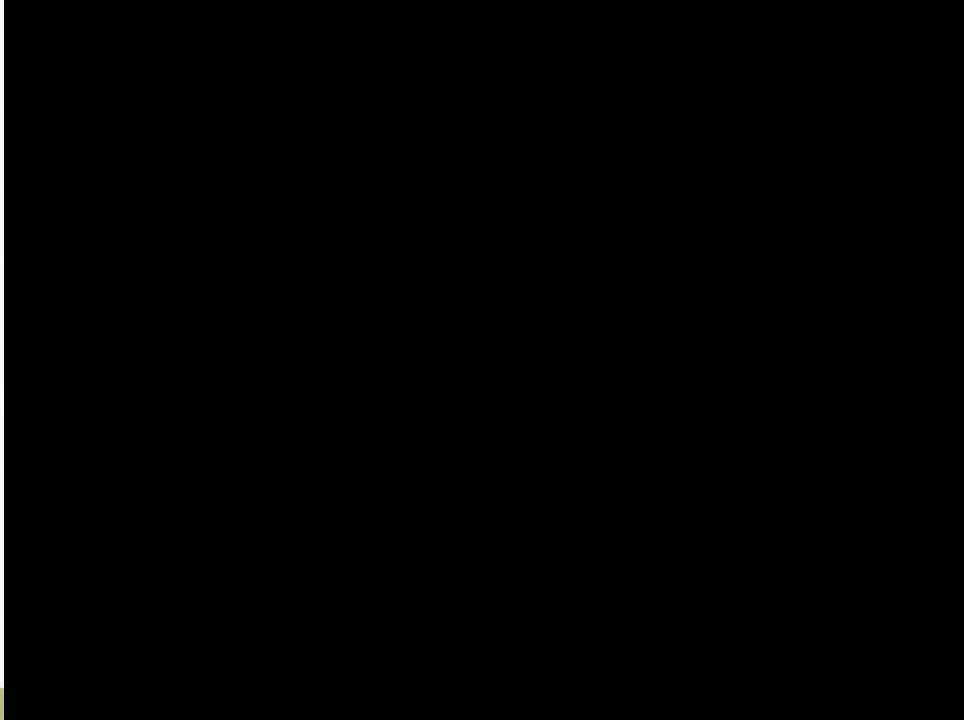


A Typical Meeting

What do the teens do?



What do you get to do that you are excited about?



The pizza is great as well 😊 - Aarushi



Assessment and Review

Giving and getting feedback

Planning for the future

Allowing quitting

Letting members go



Communication

How to communicate – ways and means

What do you do about lack of communication?

Overscheduling/lack of availability



Families and Relationships

Siblings: Should they serve together?

Pushy parents who want it more than their kid

Parents who don't respect the commitment

Dating among TAB members



Thank you!

Check our presentation page in the Memberclicks app for access to our applications, interview questions, member agreements, and other documents.