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Young Adult Room Policy

Young Adults are a vital part of our community. The public library has a responsibility to address their unique needs and interests. To that end, the Young Adult Room at the Sharon Public Library is a dedicated space for young adults (grade 6 through age 20) where they can socialize, study, browse materials and have fun.

The Young Adult Room is reserved for young adults. An exception will be made for young adults who require the special accommodation of an adult to accompany them.

Adults and younger children may briefly visit the collection to select reading or research materials and then take these materials with them to the appropriate area of the Library to read/use them. Alternatively, Library staff are available to gather materials from the Young Adult Room for adults who require materials from the area.

Anyone who is babysitting a child in 5th grade or younger must do so in the children's room.

Library staff reserve the right to require adults to use the adult section of the library, even when there are no young adults using the room.

The Young Adult Room is not an appropriate space for tutoring or quiet study. Quiet study rooms are available to reserve for these purposes.

Library staff respect the privacy of young adult patrons and will not pass messages between parents and young adults nor identify which young adults are in the Library to adults over the phone.

Everyone is expected to follow these rules, in addition to the Library's Patron Behavior Policy.

- Speak respectfully to peers and staff
- Use the furniture in the way in which it is intended
- No roughhousing or public displays of affection
- Keep speech at a conversational level and always wear headphones when using mobile devices/computers. Headphones are available to borrow at the service desk.
- No video calls.
- Respect the space: No graffiti, tearing materials, scuffing the walls etc.

- Bicycles, skateboards, and scooters must be left outside. Two bike racks are available outside at the Library entrance. Mobility devices are welcome.
- This is public space. Keep your belongings with you at all times.
- This room serves a wide variety of ages. Keep language clean and appropriate.

Anyone violating these rules will be given a verbal warning. If the behavior continues, a written warning will be given. After that they will be asked to leave for the day.

Library programs are planned and presented for young adults. Adults can attend only if they are assisting someone with a disability who otherwise would be unable to participate.

There is no food allowed in the Young Adult Room. Food is only allowed in the community room in the Library.
Covered drinks are allowed.