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TEEN ADVISORY GROUP 2024-2025 OVERVIEW

MISSION STATEMENT & GOALS

The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is a group for teens ages 13-17 dedicated to enhancing Teen Services. By participating in TAG, teens will hone their communication and leadership abilities, engage with the community, and earn service hours. TAG aims to foster lifelong library engagement by focusing on three key areas: collection development, programs, and outreach.

FOCUS AREAS OVERVIEW

Teens will have the opportunity to learn skills under the mentorship of RPL Librarians. They'll be given tasks that they can complete independently as well as collaboratively in a group setting. Below each focus area is broken down into the relevant skills and tasks they are responsible for:

- **COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT**
  - Provide recommendations and input on books and games to be added to the Teen Collection
  - Write book reviews and shelf talkers
  - Create bulletin board and book displays related to the *RPL Dig In* grant

- **PROGRAMS**
  - Members will be the first notified each month about volunteer opportunities
  - Members will also earn volunteer hours by assisting and actively attending teen programs throughout the 6-month commitment period

- **OUTREACH**
  - Assist with social media posts by:
    - Taking photos of: programs, Teen Room displays, and other library-related content
    - Creating promotional posts with the graphic design software Canva to be approved by the Librarians

INCENTIVES

Teen Volunteers will gain experience through:

- **MENTORSHIP**
  - Learning about librarianship during their 6-month commitment
  - Garnering skills in leadership, organization, communication, and time management
- **INFLUENCE**
  - Opportunities to have their voices heard by contributing to the Teen Collection
  - Make a difference by contributing to Library initiatives
- **VOLUNTEER HOURS**
  - Chances to assist the library in programs that benefit the community
  - Being the first pick to help with library and grant-related programs due to their reliability

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