



Teen Advisory Board at Ellsworth Public Library: FAQs

What is the Teen Advisory Board?

The teen advisory board is a dedicated group of young people who come together to make new friends, provide leadership and advice on what young people want from their library, to celebrate or develop shared interests and leadership skills, to plan and implement ideas and to make a difference in their community.

Why join the Teen Advisory Board?

- Make new friends and gain leadership skills
- Be a part of planning the teen space in the new library building
- Plan, set up, and attend programs and events for teens in the community
- Gain volunteer experience and earn volunteer hours toward school service hour requirements
- Create, develop and contribute to a library newsletter just for teens
- Suggest books, magazines, CDs and DVDs for the library

Who can join the Teen Advisory Board?

Teens in grades 7-12 (or 12-18 years old) are eligible to apply for the Teen Advisory Board.

What must I do as a Teen Advisory Board Member?

- Commit to joining the board for at least one semester per year (Sept - Jan and/or Jan - May)
- Attend at least 3 of the 4 TAB meetings per semester (and let us know when you can't make it)
- Be an active participant in the group
- Attend at least 2 teen library programs or events per semester (you will be expected to attend any events that you help to plan)
- Volunteer at least 5 extra hours for the library each semester.
- Students who meet these requirements will earn up to 15 service hours toward their school service hour requirements.

When does TAB meet?

The Teen Advisory Board has met on Thursday evenings in the past. However, we are working on rebooting and revamping our Teen Advisory Board this year and would like to work with interested teens to develop a new consistent meeting day and time.

How do I join the Teen Advisory Board?

Fill out an application form [online](#) or fill out and return a paper application requested from the library or downloaded from www.ellsworthlibrary.org/tweens-teens/. Applicants will be contacted via email or phone if invited to become a member.

Note: Simply filling out the application form does NOT guarantee an invitation to TAB, but your application will be kept on file for one year.

Ellsworth Public Library is committed to supporting diversity, inclusion, and well-being within the communities we serve. Call us at 715-273-3209 about making your library services and experiences safe and welcoming.