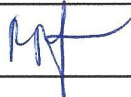


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<b>Young Adult Room Policy</b>		

**PURPOSE**

The Thomas Branigan Memorial Library’s mission is to have a positive impact on our diverse community by providing lifelong learning and literacy resources. The “Young Adults Only” room is designed to meet the educational and recreational needs of teens. This space is intended to provide a safe, welcoming, and comfortable environment for the Young Adults of Las Cruces.

**POLICY:**

The Library recognizes young adults as patrons aged 12 to 18 years old, or anyone in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Anyone older than 18, or graduated from high school, is not considered a Young Adult. Anyone younger than 12, or below 5<sup>th</sup> grade, must utilize the services available in the Children’s department.

The computers, study areas, and activity centers within this room are exclusively for use by the library’s Young Adult patrons, as defined above. This room is appropriate for social interaction and/or group activities. It is an open, activity-centered space, and is not appropriate for one-on-one instruction or activities that may require privacy.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Smartphones and other electronic devices may be used for texting, gaming and listening to music as long as headphones are worn.
2. Young Adult computer users will be expected to adhere to the Library Policy on Use of Public Access Computer and Public Access Internet. Use of the computers in the teen room requires a staff member to be present. Teens must log in with their own library card.

