

## **Teen Advisory Group Teen Member Overview**

Teens looking to be more involved in their community might be a good fit for the Union County Library Teen Advisory Group (TAG). This is perfect for those seeking to gain leadership, work experience and make a difference in their community through a minimum of a 1-year commitment.

### **What is the mission of TAG?**

The Teen Advisory Group's mission is to provide teens in the community with support through educational and recreational events, opportunities, and resources while closing the achievement gap and preparing teens for a successful and fulfilling life.

### **What are the goals of TAG?**

- Implement change in our community and library.
- Promote library services.
- Make the library a destination for teens as a safe space.
- Advocate for teen and youth services.

### **What are the qualifications to apply for TAG?**

- Must be a Union County resident.
- Must be a rising 8th - 12th grader or ages 13 - 17 at the time of applying.
- Must showcase excellent communication and time management skills.
- Must have the ability to work well independently and as well as in a team environment.
- Must be enthusiastic about the library and improving library services for teens.
- Must abide by the TAG expectations.

### **What does TAG do?**

- Recommend events and programs—and whenever possible, execute ideas.
- Plan, lead and assist with library events and programs; including the yearly Summer Program.
- Contribute ideas for library outreach in the community and schools.
- Submit ideas and create content for the [Teen Bookworm Blog](#).
- Advise the Teen and Technology Librarian or Teen and Technology Services staff on the library's teen collection.
- Provide input on new trends with teens that the library should research and plan for the community.
- Establish and design new teen-related activities and services.
- Make the library a welcoming place where teens can explore their hobbies and interests.

### **What are the requirements to be part of TAG?**

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- Attend the regularly scheduled monthly TAG meeting.
- Minimum **one (1)** year commitment.
- Participation in online discussions via the appropriate platforms.
- Communicate with TAG members, Committee Leads, and Teen and Technology Services staff regularly.
- Complete committee work and complete pre-meeting assignments.
- Attend bi-annual training on library tools and resources.
- Attend quarterly one-on-one check-ins with the Teen and Technology Services staff.
- Contribute a minimum of **one (1)** blog post monthly to the Teen Bookworm Blog.
- Assist, plan, or lead a minimum of **one (1)** community service project or library program during membership.
- Dedicate 2 - 6 hours per week to TAG work.
- Work on a teen or community engagement project at a library location a minimum of **one (1)** time per month.
- Additional individual projects/responsibilities as assigned.

### **TAG Participation Expectations**

1. The first 90 days are a probation period; during this period, new TAG members should not miss any meetings and should be actively contributing to group discussions.
2. A TAG member may not miss more than three consecutive meetings in a school year, unless there are extenuating circumstances. If a member has an absence, they must stay engaged and contribute to discussion topics in some way.
3. Respect boundaries of all persons involved with the library and TAG.
4. A TAG member must review TAG materials and/or turn in pre-meeting assignments by the night before meetings.
5. Meet all deadlines for required blog contributions as well as any additional project deadlines assigned.