

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) – FAQ

? What is the Teen Advisory Board (TAB)?

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of teen volunteers who help improve the Library and the community by sharing ideas, supporting programs, and providing input on Library services, materials, and spaces.

? Who can join TAB?

Teens entering **7th-12th grade** are welcome to apply.

? Why join TAB?

- Earn volunteer credit
- Gain leadership and work skills
- Build self-confidence and develop interpersonal skills
- Connect with peers and community members

? What types of things can TAB members do?

We have volunteer opportunities to suit almost any schedule and skillset! These include but are not limited to:

- Helping at children's programs and events
- Organizing and preparing materials for programs
- Helping to decorate and improve the Teen Lounge and Young Adult spaces
- Working on bulletin boards, book displays, social media, etc.
- Sharing opinions on books, materials, programs, and Library space

? How often does TAB meet?

TAB meetings are not mandatory, but they are a great (and fun!) way to volunteer on a regular basis. We are currently meeting once a month throughout the school year. See the Library calendar for dates and to register.

? Are snacks provided at meetings?

Yes! We believe that food fuels thought. Snacks are always provided at meetings.

? Are there other ways to get involved between meetings?

Yes! Members receive regular emails with upcoming volunteer opportunities, many of which involve helping at children's programs and library events. We are also happy to work with our volunteers to provide opportunities for more "behind-the-scenes" work that you can do on your own schedule.

? How do I get started as a teen volunteer?

The application can be found below. A valid email address is required. **Note:** school email accounts usually don't work—please use a personal email. After you fill out the application, you will receive a welcome email within two weeks with information on getting started as a teen volunteer. If for some reason you do not receive a welcome email within the two-week time frame, please email bpteens@gmail.com.

? Do I need to check my email often?

Yes, TAB members should regularly check their email for important updates and volunteer opportunities.

? Have more questions?

Contact the Bethel Park Public Library at bpteens@gmail.com for more info!

? Ready to join? Apply here: <https://forms.gle/XQWLpLLafahszinv6>

