Teen Advisory Group (TAG) – Wheaton Public Library

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Agenda:

I. What is a TAG? Why become a member?
   a. A group of teens (ideally representing all grades between 6th/7th and 12th) who are interested in becoming more involved in their community or library. The group is usually led and maintained by the teen librarian. Teens work with the librarians to decide what their group would like to do. Teens can give input on library YA collections, contribute to blogs or other library publications such as bibliographies, help lead/create programming, volunteer at events, organize community service projects, and/or influence how their library serves teens (Herald, 1996).
   b. Great to put on job applications, college applications, etc.; way to give back to your community; use as service hours.

II. Introductions
   a. Eileen
   b. Round the table

III. Meetings
   a. How often?
   b. What days/times are good?
   c. What snacks do you like?

IV. Program/Event Ideas for Fall
   a. Movie suggestions?
   b. Hire a speaker or author?
   c. Craft ideas?

V. Make Book Review cards – If enough time

Examples of Possible TAG Activities:
Weekly, biweekly, or monthly meetings to discuss possible programs and collection development
Have a "teen display" created for and by teens
Help teens to lead a Battle of the Bands
Teen-hosted poetry slam or poetry contest
Sponsoring book and activity clubs, like anime/manga, tech/gaming, or writers' groups
Gaming tournament with teen-made trophies
Teen-led summer reading program activities
After school homework help or computer mentors
Book talks and book discussions held at the library or a favorite business
Read-a-thon or a library overnight "lock-in"
Fundraising activities for the library or TAB
Organizing and promoting an author visit or other guest lecture/program
Collecting donations for a local animal shelter
Give "behind-the-scenes" tours to younger library users
Assisting in book selection and collection development
Decorating the library or children's room seasonally/by theme