

Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Membership Information

Mission: To make the library a better, more appealing place for teens.

Objective: The main objective of YAB is to involve young adults by seeking their ideas on programs, services, and materials specifically for teens, thereby improving Young Adult Services at the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library (FHCPL).

Benefits of YAB Membership:

- Will influence library decisions.
- Will become involved in their community and develop your leadership skills.
- Make great friends
- Benefits resumes and college applications.
 - Get lots of Volunteer hours!

Possible Tasks for YAB Members:

- Help to plan, carry out, and attend programs
- Suggest books and magazines for the Young Adult collection
- Review and discuss books
- Publicize the library's young adult activities to peers
- Help update the website
- Help create an inviting Young Adult area
- Assist the Children's Department with programs
- Making a Teen Newsletter
- Help create make and take crafts
- Help create decorations for the Teen and Children's Area
 - Also hanging these decorations

YAB Member's Must:

- Be a student in grades 6 through 12
- Have parental permission
- Have a FHCPL card
- Attend meetings (at least 4 per school year)*
- Spend at least 3 hours per month working on library projects*
- Be the only family member on YAB (no siblings)
- Complete the assignments given to them* See handbook!

* Members can be excused from a meeting by calling or emailing the advisor or another attending member prior to the meeting with the reason for his/her absence. Failure to notify the advisor or a board member prior to the meeting will result in an unexcused absence. Three unexcused absences will result in removal from the Board.

** The 3-hour requirement may be filled in the following ways:

Attending monthly meeting = 1 hour

Attending a Teen program = the length of the program (typically 1 hour)

Working on special projects = the length of time spent

Planning Programs = anywhere from 3 to 10 hours

You can get more hours per month and carry them over to the next month or even year. 36 hours are required per year by the more you can acquire the better because many colleges look at volunteer time!

I have read and understand the above:

YAB Applicant _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Application

The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library is currently accepting applications for YAB, FHCPL's Youth Advisory Board. The Library needs your ideas about activities, material, and changes that would make the library a better place for you and your peers to visit. YAB sets its own meeting schedule based on the most convenient time for its members. Board members are selected based on the following questions and membership quotas for area schools. Please write your answers on a separate paper if you need more room!

- 1. What positive qualities do you have that would enable you to benefit our committee? Please be specific in your answer.**
- 2. Why are you interested in being a YAB?**
- 3. What do you consider to be the library's strengths and weaknesses? What changes would you suggest we make so our library will better benefit teens?**
- 4. What sports/extracurricular activities are you involved in? Do you have a job?**
- 5. When is the best time for you to come to meetings?**
- 6. What is your all time favorite book?**
- 7. We like to have fun so, if you were an animal, what kind of an animal would you be and why?**
- 8. Another Fun Question: Design a teen program: If you were in charge of a teen program, what would it be? Remember the goal here is to think of something creative that will attract teens.**
- 9. Do you know any current YAB's? How did you hear about us?**

Name: _____ **Gender:** Male _____ Female _____

Address: _____

School and Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email address:** _____

Cell Phone Number: _____