Creating Special Spaces at the Library

Low Cost Teen Spaces

Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

• Evaluating your teen space
• Engaging teens in the planning process
• Defining and designing the space
• It’s in the details
  – Seating
  – Lighting
  – Acoustics
  – Signage
  – Color
• Further sources

Why a teen zone?

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Are you planning a teen space?

Evaluate your Teen space (5 points for each yes)

- Can you locate the area from the entrance?
- Does it have a catchy name and bold signage?
- Is the carpet, paint, color, or lighting different?
- Are there counter height or low seats?
- Are there lounge seats?
- Are any materials displayed face out?
- Are collections weeded regularly?
- Do you have computers for teens to use together?
- Do you have a large screen or game console?
- Did any teens help you plan the space?

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Planned by Teens

Teen Central, Phoenix Public Library
Will Bruder, Architect

Do you have a teen advisory group?

Tools You Can Use

• Survey: Tell us what you want in your new teen area
• Teen Advisory Board bylaws
• Teen Advisory Board application form
• Sample Teen Board agendas
• Design feedback form
• Design questionnaire for teens

Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Programming the Space

Teen Central. Phoenix Public Library

What do you want to do?

OUT
• Homework
• Quiet Study
• Tutoring
• Reading

IN
• Hang out
• Lounge
• Gaming
• Performance
• Display Exhibit
• Events

Do you have gaming in your library?

Fontana Library. San Bernardino

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Do you allow food or drink?

Teen Central. Phoenix Public Library

Do you have a performance space for teens?

Keys to Success

- Adjacency and location
- False sense of isolation
- Acoustics
- Flexibility
- Distinct aesthetics
- Latest trends

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Distinguishing the Space

- Enclose the space
- Floor treatment
- Ceiling treatment
- Lighting treatment
- Finish materials
- Nomenclature

Do you plan to enclose your teen space?

Fritted glass panels

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Storefront glass

Anaheim Central Library. Teen and 7-8 Place Remodel.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Systems Furniture Panels: Movable Walls

• Steelcase
• Herman Miller
• KI
• Knoll
• Haworth

Haworth Furniture Enclose®

CSU Channel Islands Library. Study Rooms

Teen Central. Phoenix Public Library

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Herman Miller Resolve® System (aka Sails)

Rolling Partitions

Teen Group Study Areas: Prince Frederick, Maryland
- 2 Rolling Screens
- 4 Boundary Screens
- 2 Work Surfaces

Total cost: $6,000

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

It’s in the details

- Seating
- Signage
- Graphics
- Acoustics
- Finish materials
- Lighting
- Color

Do you like bean bag chairs?

Wheels

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

- Caper chair Herman Miller
  - Arm or armless
  - Casters or legs
  - Stacks
  - Flexnet seat or back

  Sale prices $129 to $199 d.o. options

Fontana Library, San Bernardino County.

Stools

Vitra .01 Chair

Amat Bikini Chair

Seattle Public Library, Central Library

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

AMAT “Cooper” Barstools available from Totalibra

Americanchairs.com $75.00

Monrovia Public Library Teen Area. Enshell Chair. TMC. Approx. $300.00

Haworth K700 Chair (aka the Paperclip) $149.00

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Lounging

Lightweight rockers available in fabric or vinyl. $99.00. Demco and other sources.

Haskett Branch Library, Anaheim, California.

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Teen Central. Phoenix Public Library

What’s Hot


Allemuir. The Pebble

Nienkamper. Kloud and Blob

TMC. The Midland Company
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

City of Tustin Library. Teen area. Blob chair

City of Tustin Library. Teen area. Caper Chair. Herman Miller Company

Laptop Lane

Casework Counter $200 to $400 per linear foot.

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Haskett Branch Library, Anaheim, California.

CSU Channel Islands Library

Booths

Biane Library, Victoria Gardens, Rancho Cucamonga

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Affordable Booths

Single Closed Book: $1,960   Double Closed Book: $3,640

Haskett Branch Library. Anaheim, California.

Carmichael Branch Library. Sacramento Public Library.

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Acoustics

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Noise Control

- #1 Location
- #2 Enclosure
- #3 Surface materials
- #4 Interior wall treatment
- #5 White noise

Monrovia Public Library Teen Area. Enshell Chair. TMC

Don’t be afraid of color

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Rochester Hills, Michigan Public Library Teen Area

Christine Lind Hage, Library Director. Remodel. $139.00

Rochester Hills, Michigan Public Library Teen Study Area

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Lighting

Teen Central. Phoenix Public Library

Teenscape. Los Angeles Public Library. Central Library.

Teen Central. Phoenix Public Library

This material has been created for the Infopeople Project [infopeople.org], supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This material is licensed under a Creative Commons 3.0 Share & Share-Alike license. Use of this material should credit the author and funding source.
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

**Signage**

Rochester Hills, Michigan Library. Library Staff Member. Cost: $0

**Slam Poetry and Graffiti Walls**
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Collections

etc.

• Games
• Bulletin boards and blogs
• Book clubs
• Volunteer opportunities
• Rapid charging stations
• Social network site (FB)
• High end technology (Editing)
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Recommended Reading and Cruising

  – Understanding Teens
  – Planning
  – Designing
  – Promoting
  – Policies
• Flickr
Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Any Questions?

Handouts

- Further sources
- Vendor contacts
- Recommended field trips

TY
TTYL

Linda Demmers
xlibris@earthlink.net

Other archived Infopeople webinars in this series:
- Creating Learning Spaces in Your Library (February 2009)
- Creating Library Spaces for the Very Young (March 2009)