

# Creating Low Cost Teen Spaces

Creating Special Spaces at the Library  
Low Cost Teen Spaces

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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

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Why a teen zone?



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Are you planning a teen space?



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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?

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- 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?

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## Planned by Teens



Teen Central, Phoenix Public Library  
Will Bruder, Architect

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Do you have a teen advisory group?



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## 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

Bolan, Kimberly. Teen Spaces: Step-by-Step Makeover. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. ALA, 2009

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## Programming the Space



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## What do you want to do?

### OUT

- Homework
- Quiet Study
- Tutoring
- Reading



### IN

- Hang out
- Lounge
- Gaming
- Performance
- Display Exhibit
- Events

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## Do you have gaming in your library?



Fontana Library. San Bernardino

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Do you allow food or drink?



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Do you have a performance space for teens?



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## Keys to Success

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



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## Distinguishing the Space

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

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Do you plan to enclose your teen space?

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Fritted glass panels

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Storefront glass

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Anaheim Central Library. Teen and 7-8 Place Remodel.

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Systems Furniture Panels: Movable Walls

- Steelcase
- Herman Miller
- KI
- Knoll
- Haworth



Haworth Furniture Enclose®

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CSU Channel Islands Library. Study Rooms

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Teen Central. Phoenix Public Library

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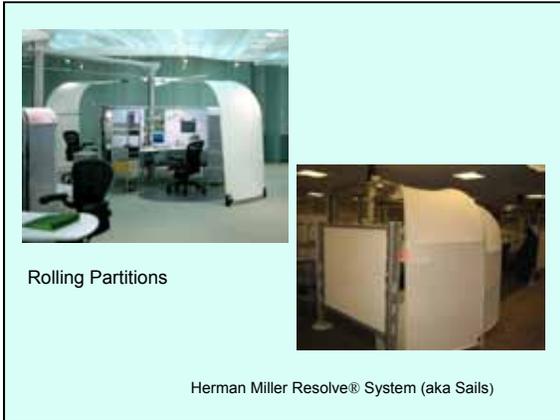
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**Teen Group Study Areas:  
Prince Frederick, Maryland**

- 2 Rolling Screens
- 4 Boundary Screens
- 2 Work Surfaces

Total cost: \$6,000

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## It's in the details

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

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## Do you like bean bag chairs?



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## Wheels



Almaden Library, San Jose. Caper Chair. Herman Miller Company.  
Field Paoli Architects

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



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

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Fontanta Library. San Bernardino County.

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## Stools

Vitra .01 Chair



Amat Bikini Chair



Seattle Public Library. Central Library

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Americanchairs.com \$75.00

AMAT "Cooper" Barstools available from Totalibra

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

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Haworth K700 Chair (aka the Paperclip) \$149.00

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City of Tustin Library. Teen area. Blob chair

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

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Casework Counter \$200 to \$400 per linear foot.

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Haskett Branch Library. Anaheim, California.

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CSU Channel Islands Library

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Biane Library. Victoria Gardens. Rancho Cucamonga

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## Affordable Booths



Single Closed Book: \$1,960



Double Closed Book: \$3,640

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Haskett Branch Library. Anaheim, California.

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Carmichael Branch Library. Sacramento Public Library.

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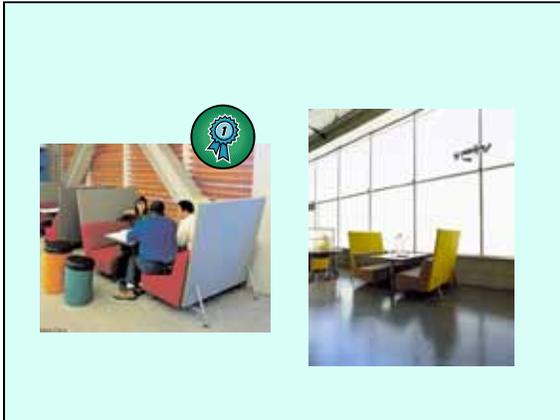
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## Noise Control



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

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Monrovia Public Library Teen Area. Enshell Chair. TMC

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## Don't be afraid of color



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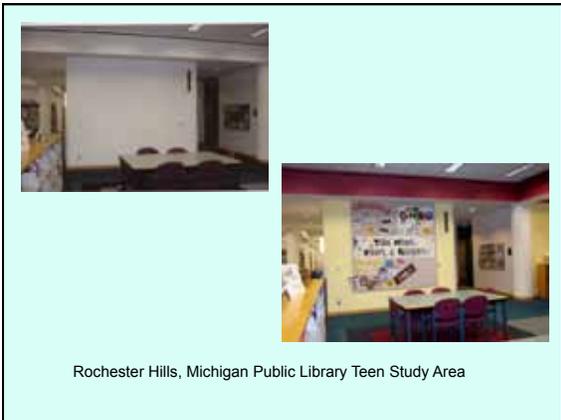
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## Lighting



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Teenscape. Los Angeles Public Library. Central Library.

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Teen Central. Phoenix Public Library

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## Signage



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

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## Slam Poetry and Graffiti Walls



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## Collections



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## etc.

- Games
- Bulletin boards and blogs
- Book clubs
- Volunteer opportunities
- Rapid charging stations
- Social network site (FB)
- High end technology (Editing)

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## Visioning with your designer



Future Newhall Branch Library. County of Los Angeles. Design firm: LPA, Inc.

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## Recommended Reading and Cruising

- Bolan, Kimberly. Teen Spaces. The Step-by-step library makeover. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. ALA, 2009.
  - Understanding Teens
  - Planning
  - Designing
  - Promoting
  - Policies
- Flickr

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## Any Questions?



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## Handouts

- Further sources
- Vendor contacts
- Recommended field trips

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Creating Learning Spaces in Your Library (February 2009)  
Creating Library Spaces for the Very Young (March 2009)

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