



# Dryden Public Library Board

## POLICY

<b>SECTION: OPERATIONAL</b>	<b>NO: OP-08</b>
<b>TITLE: Young Adult Services</b>	<b>Date: October 2021</b>
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### 1.0 Policy Statement

The Dryden Public Library recognizes the importance of library services for young adults; and therefore develops services, programs and collections to meet their unique needs. The Dryden Public Library is committed to fostering educational, cultural and recreational opportunities for young people through the provision of quality library service, delivered with consideration and respect. This policy sets out the services to be offered for young adults. The Dryden Public Library adopts the principles stated in the Ontario Library Association's *Position on Teen's Rights in the Public Library*, as a basis for our service offerings to young adults.

### 2.0 Scope

The services described in this policy are intended to meet the needs of young adults, as well as parents, guardians and adults who work with young adults.

### 3.0 Services

#### 3.1 Membership

3.1.1 Young adult memberships are governed by *OP-01 Circulation*.

#### 3.2 Collections

3.2.1 Materials for a comprehensive young adult collection shall be selected as per *OP-02 Collection Development Policy*.

3.2.2 It is the sole responsibility of parents and legal guardians to monitor the reading and material selection of minor children.

#### 3.3 Reference and Readers Advisory

- 3.3.1 Library staff will utilize the full range of qualified staff skills, collections, technology and research tools to answer all users' reference questions and readers' advisory requests, regardless of age and without judgment. Staff will treat all information and readers' advisory requests with confidentiality and respect.
- 3.3.2 Library staff should conduct reference interviews to help understand what each patron wants and needs. Library staff should inform young adult patrons of the variety of resources available to them through the Library, including both print and electronic resources.
- 3.3.3 Staff members may assist students in finding appropriate resources for school-related projects, but will not complete research on behalf of students.

### 3.4 Programs

- 3.4.1 The library will provide programming for young adult patrons.
- 3.4.2 If there is found to be sufficient interest from the community the Library will develop a Teen Advisory Committee, who will advise the library on the development and delivery of programming and collections. Young Adults who participate in this initiative may claim their participation for volunteer hours.
- 3.4.3 Programs for young adults will be developed and delivered in accordance with OP-09 *Programming Policy*.

### 3.5 Computer Usage

- 3.5.1 Computer usage by young adults is governed by OP-11 *Internet Access*

## 4.0 Library Space

- 4.1 The Library will provide a well-planned area for young adults that is distinct from the adult area.
- 4.2 This area will have furniture, shelves and equipment that are designed for and accessible to young adults.
- 4.3 The library will ensure that signage is clear and age appropriate.

## 5.0 Staffing

- 5.1 The board will support ongoing staff training and professional development in youth services, as staffing and budget allows.
- 5.2 The CEO and staff will work together to identify ongoing training needs and opportunities related to youth services, collections and programming.

5.3 While library staff may assist a young person in finding materials they do not act in place of a parent. Parents, guardians and caregivers are responsible for supervising all aspects of their own children's library use.

## 6.0 Intellectual Freedom

6.1 Young adults have the right to intellectual freedom and are entitled to open access to all information and services throughout the library.

6.2 All young adult patrons will have equal access to the full range of services and materials available to other users.

6.3 In accordance with the Ontario Library Association's *Statement on the Intellectual Rights of the Individual*, 1998, staff will not censor material.

### Related Documents:

Dryden Public Library, *OP-02 Collection Development*

Dryden Public Library, *OP-09 Programming Policy*

Dryden Public Library, *OP-11 Public Internet Access Policy*

Ontario Library Association, *Position on Teen's Rights in the Public Library*

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