

## NOTES FROM A+ PARTNERSHIP MEETING – AUGUST 19, 2008

If you could design your ideal teen space, what would it look like? What would be in it? What services would you provide? (Cost no object 😊)

### GROUP 1

Soundproofing

Modern furniture – clean lines

Café

Computers

Listening stations

Music making software

Teen art gallery

Homework help

Shush-free hang out space

Restricted teen space

Library card needed for entry

Gaming area

Teen magazines

Outdoor space – patio with direct access

Rotating staff with teen reference librarian

Space proportional to use

Access to bike rack

Lobby space/lockers

Homework help

Career planning

College/vocation planning

Volunteer resources

Employ a social worker

Teen outreach in schools

IT/tech support with teen helpers

Download friendly computers

Hire teen staff

## **GROUP 2**

Anime/Manga collection

Copies of local school textbooks (multiples)

Multiples of popular fiction, CDs, etc.

Gaming for circulation

Teen input

Ning (learning community online - ning.com)

Many computers

YA-oriented staff

Separate space with their furniture

Meeting space, uniquely theirs

Multimedia – i.e. podcasts, etc. for their own product

## **GROUP 3**

Graffiti wall

Closed in room with dividers

TV/recording studio/tech studio/listening stations

Art studio

Lounge and café with comfy chairs

Group work areas (cubicles)

Large screens for huddling

Food

Wifi

Special YA collection (no Dewey)

TAB with stipend

Multipurpose activity stage

Gaming with all kinds board games

Career center (SAT/college prep)

Yoga/exercise room

Doggie play group

Teen kitchen

Varying activities each day

Blog and book club

Vampire, Anime, Manga, Gossip Girl

Librarian station for teens with computer

Greenhouse

Veggies, flowers, water garden, fish tank

Crafts (see art studio)

#### **GROUP 4**

Imacs (film editing software)

Listening booths (music/audiobooks)

Restaurant booths

Vending machines

Game room (one staff member)

Study “quiet” room (one staff member)

“Background” music – think Barnes & Noble

Creative outlets – magnetic poetry wall, chalkboard wall, community sketch book

Floor seating

+2 librarians, 1 clerk, +1 student volunteer

More regular programming

After school homework help (outside tutors?)

Multimedia production studio

PR – PR – PR!

Marketing! Marketing! Marketing!

## **GROUP 5**

### **Environment**

Comfortable seating – flexible, movable

Booths, bean bags

Neon sign - “teen title” – teen ghetto

Defined, separate space

Stylish, teen driver color, décor

Vending machines

Kitchenette area

Library kiosk

Display area for teen art – changeable

Performance pit – poetry reading, Manga, competitions

### **Technology**

Big screen with all the bells and whistles

Lap tops, wireless

Music listening stations

Gaming equipment

Media production equipment

### **Library Programs/Services**

New book display/special teen collections

Tutoring

Homework help

Quiet study area

E-books

## **GROUP 6**

Comfortable furniture

Game tables

Meeting/sharing tables

Console games

CDs and music listening devices

Wifi

Internet access

Magazines

E-book devices for loan

YA books on display (face out)

Teen health/help books displayed

“Pop”

Teen art work featured and other artwork

Board for book recommendations (by kids)

Food and drink

Job information

College info (financial aid)

Study area

Project space

Program area (adjacent to teen room)

Books

Magazines

Video games

Unlimited program budget

Carte blanche ala collection development

## **GROUP 8**

Wifi

IM reference

Water wall

Art display

Online program registration

Volunteer group

Green room

Separate entrance to teen wing

Teen reference section

Barter board for services/goods

Tutoring corner/homework help

Board games

AV studio with blue and green screen

MACS and PCs

Movie editing

Checkout -able AV equipment, i.e. flips, etc.

Modular furniture

Comfy, teen furniture

Permanent DDR rug/mat

Electronic/vending/moveable book shelving

Digital banner for announcements, new books

Wifi

Quiet rooms ,soundproofing

Glass walls

Fully staffed when library is open

Separate wing

Skyping stations

Gaming systems on plasmas throughout room – a la sports bar

Colorful, changeable, ambient lighting – for mood and behavior changes

Interactive bulletin, chalk, pain graffiti wall (profanity monitor)

## GROUP 9

Color – within reason

Lights

Lots of technology

- Computers with downloading

- Kindles

- Playaways

- Wii – multiple controllers

Quiet and loud areas

Books, popular magazines, multiple copies

Food, coffee, etc.

Moveable, comfortable, durable furniture

Unlimited programming \$

Performance space with mikes, sound system, video

Red Cross babysitting

SAT classes

Anime

Tutoring – in person and online

Writing workshops

Good PR

Coop in community

Workshops to get staff of entire building on board

Teen librarian with adequate support staff

Volunteers

Display area for student work

Book clubs

Blogging