

Joplin Public Library Young Adult Advisory Council Application

Overview:

The Joplin Public Library Young Adult Advisory Council (YAAC) is a group of teenagers* who will assist the Teen Librarian in development, implementation, and volunteer support of teen activities, events, and programs. YAAC members will also assist staff in the selection, reviewing, and recommendation of materials for the Teen Section. YAAC members may also be responsible for other duties as assigned by the Teen Librarian including, but not limited to, helping the Teen Librarian keep the Teen Department's MySpace current and cool and decorating the Teen Department for special events.

The only requirements for joining the Young Adult Advisory Council are:

- Being a teen (as defined below),
- Successfully completing the YAAC application process including signing the Teen Code of Conduct (attached) and having your parent or legal guardian sign the Parent Permission Form (also attached), and
- Having an interest in making the Joplin Public Library a better place for teens.

***A teenager is anyone in grades 6 through 12.**

YAAC meetings are the first Tuesday of each month so return your applications to the Teen Librarian ASAP!

If you wish to mail your application, please address it to:

**Joplin Public Library
ATTN: Teen Department
300 S. Main Street
Joplin, MO 64801**

Joplin Public Library ~ 300 South Main Street ~ Joplin, MO 64801 ~ (417) 623-7953 ~ www.joplinpubliclibrary.org

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Please fill out completely (use the back or an extra sheet if necessary):

Name: _____ Birthday: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____
School: _____ Grade: _____

- 1) What are some of your favorite books/authors?

- 2) Have you ever attended a Library Program? If so, which one(s)?

- 3) What programming would you like to see at the Library?

- 4) Why are you interested in being on the Young Adult Advisory Council?

- 5) What changes would you suggest to make the Joplin Public Library better for teens?

- 6) YAAC meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month from 6-7:30 pm. Can you attend meetings at that time?

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I have read and understand the attached Young Adult Advisory Council overview and requirements. I have filled this application out to the best of my ability and have been honest and straightforward in my answers. I am prepared to commit to attending monthly meetings of YAAC as well as other activities and programs at the Joplin Public Library. I understand that membership to YAAC is not automatic and may be revoked.

Teen Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please have your parent or guardian sign the following:**

I am aware of and support my teen's application for membership to the Young Adult Advisory Council at the Joplin Public Library. I give him/her permission to attend Young Adult Advisory Council meetings and activities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Joplin Public Library**

## **Young Adult Advisory Council**

### **Teen Code of Conduct**

As a YAAC member, you will have the opportunity to represent and speak for teens in the library. You will also be a representative of the Joplin Public Library among your peers and other library users. This is an opportunity and commitment we hope you will take seriously.

As part of the application process, we ask that you abide by the following Teen Code of Conduct while you are at the library and/or at library-sponsored events. **Failure to abide by this code can and will result in your dismissal from the YAAC.**

- **Attend monthly YAAC meetings—missing no more than four (4) in the year due to conflicting schedules or illness.**
- **Follow through with volunteer commitments. If you are signed up to help with an event, be there, or give the Teen Librarian enough warning to find someone else.**
- **Abide by the library’s appropriate behavior guidelines at all times.**
- **Listen to and follow the instructions of the library staff.**
- **Confine refreshments to the meeting room or other designated areas during YAAC meetings or other programming with refreshments.**
- **Be polite to other patrons. They are our customers and we ask our volunteers to treat them with the same courtesy that we do.**
- **Dress appropriately for all library-sponsored events.**
- **Treat other YAAC members and library staff respectfully.**
- **Let the library staff know immediately if you see other patrons (teens and non-teens) behaving in an inappropriate manner.**

I have read the above Teen Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it while I am a member of the Young Adult Advisory Council.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Joplin Public Library Young Adult Advisory Council Parent Permission Form

Your teen is applying to be a member of the Joplin Public Library Young Adult Advisory Council (YAAC). As a member of the YAAC, your teen will have several opportunities beyond assisting the Teen Librarian in making some decisions about the Teen Department at the library. Some of these opportunities include, but are not limited to, representing the YAAC in the library's own promotional material and representing the YAAC to local media.

This permission form ensures that the Joplin Public Library has your permission when allowing your teen to participate in these types of opportunity. **Not all of the clauses must be agreed to and not agreeing to a clause will not affect your teen's membership in the YAAC.**

While we will do everything in our power to remember each teens' permissions, we do ask that if you decline permission to one or more clauses you make your teen aware of this fact so s/he can remind library staff of your wishes whenever appropriate.

The permission clauses are:

- A.** The Joplin Public Library has permission to use the full name (first and last) and likeness of my teen in the publication of any type of promotion or sponsor advertising including newsletters, displays, websites, promotional materials, or any other publication.
  
- B.** The Joplin Public Library has permission to allow media (i.e. newspaper or TV news) personnel to interview, photograph, and publish the full name of my teen in the course of YAAC activities.

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**I agree with and give my teen permission for these clauses listed above (please check all that apply):**

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal  
Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal  
Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teen's Name (First & Last): \_\_\_\_\_