What PUBLIC LIBRARIES do for teens
from the Public Library Association’s 2012 PLDS Statistical Report

BASICS/BACKGROUND
According to the 2010 US census, there are OVER 42 MILLION young people in the US between the ages of 10–19.
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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
95% of public libraries offer summer reading and learning programs for youth
82% of public libraries offer afterschool programs including career planning & computer skills

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
46 PERCENT of public libraries offer teens LEADERSHIP ROLES via Teen Advisory Groups

RESOURCES
97% of public libraries offer a dedicated section for teen books and materials.
99% of libraries provide Internet access

COMMUNITY SUPPORT
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