



MEMORANDUM

TO: Halsted Bernard-Director of Library Services

FROM: Tigard Public Library Board

RE: Statement of Support of Teen Scene Area

DATE: November 13, 2019

As Tigard Library board members, and as community members, we are in full support of the newly revised and relocated Teen Scene on the main floor of the library.

This was a long-needed project in which the planning was a community effort, following a seven-month period involving public input and a teen focus group, along with board and council members, to name a few.

We believe this task was executed and delivered successfully, creating a welcoming, developmentally-appropriate space for Tigard's teens to thrive educationally, intellectually, and socially. Just as the children's area provides a safe, supportive, positive environment with age-appropriate materials, the Teen Scene provides a welcoming, developmentally-appropriate space for teens, where their social behavior and volume level is accepted, and their autonomy is supported.

The new Teen Scene is reviving current teen patrons' interest in visiting the library more regularly, it is also drawing new teen patrons into discovering all the library has to offer, and in turn increasing community involvement as well.

We believe this space is important because it creates a bridge, ushering teens to become lifetime readers. To be clear, we appreciate and fully support this dedicated and safe space for teens.