



Make a difference in your library– **Join the Teen Advisory Group!**

The **Lewisville Public Library Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** is a group of engaged and enthusiastic teens ages 13 to 18 from the local area, who meet monthly and work together and with Library staff to make LPL a better place for all area teens. Being active in TAG is a great way to develop leadership and planning skills, and to meet other service-minded teens.

Examples of things TAG teens do...

- Publicize Teen programs and events
- Plan and lead Teen and Youth programs and events
- Act as a liaison between school librarians and the Library's staff
- Provide input on new/changing policies and services that affect teens
- Recommend materials to improve the Teen book and media collections
- Help keep Teen Point clean and attractive
- Recruit interested teens to join TAG
- Represent the Library at community events
- HAVE FUN!

If you want to see what TAG's all about before joining, feel free to join us at our next meeting; no registration is required, just show up!

Ready to join?

Please fill out the attached **application** yourself and have your parent complete the **Parent Agreement Form**, then return both items to the Youth Services Desk in the Children's Wing on the 1st floor. Once you do that, you may attend TAG Meetings regularly. (You may detach and keep this informational page.)

Please note: Though you may start attending TAG Meetings regularly once your paperwork is turned in, there is a three month/meeting probationary period before you become a full member.

Monthly TAG Meetings:

**1st Thursday of each month* (September-May) from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
in Teen Point, 2nd floor**

*unless otherwise announced; check LPL website calendar for the most updated information

For more information, call the Youth Services Desk at 972.219.3577, or stop by the Youth Services Desk, on the 1st floor in the Children's Wing.



Frequently asked questions:

Do I have to be a resident of Lewisville or have an LPL library card to join TAG?

Nope, you just have to be interested in making LPL and the city of Lewisville a better place for all area teens. Many of our past members have lived in nearby communities.

Why is there a probationary period?

Our TAG must make plans and commitments months in advance when planning programs, exploring local volunteer opportunities, etc., so we need to be sure that prospective members are committed to attending meetings/events and being active in the group. The probationary period also gives the TAG mentors time to help you become more comfortable in the group, if needed, and it gives you more time to see if TAG is a good fit for you.

What if I have seasonal commitments like sports or marching band so I can't commit to being active in TAG every month, but I am still interested in joining and being active in TAG when I'm not involved in those things?

Reach out to a TAG Mentor before or after a meeting, or via phone or email (contact information is below), so we can learn more about your particular situation. We can usually come up with ways to keep you informed and engaged in TAG while your focus is on those seasonal activities, so that you can jump right in and be active in TAG on months when you are able to attend meetings and events.

What are some perks of being a TAG member?

- Earn a TAG t-shirt by attending three meetings and signing up to participate in an event
- Earn a limited number of Library volunteer hours (teens ages 14-18 only, per City volunteer rules)*
- Get access to Advance Reader's Copies (ARCs) of new and upcoming teen books (when available)
- TAG Mentors may be able to write letters of recommendation and/or be a reference for you for college and scholarship applications, scouting awards, jobs, and more

*Please note: TAG is not intended to be a main source of volunteer hours for teens needing hours for school, church, clubs, etc.; they are offered as a way of thanking our members for their service to the Library. Teens looking for a large number of hours should explore our Teen Volunteer Program (details on our website, library.cityoflewisville.com, or ask at the Youth Services Desk).

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Instructions: Please fill out completely. If you do not have your own personal phone number or email address, just leave those questions blank. (There are spots farther down on the form for parent contact information; we can contact you through your parent/s.)

Today's Date _____ Your Birthdate _____ Your Age _____

Your Name (first and last) _____

Your Address _____
Street City State ZIP code

Your (not parent's) Phone _____ cell landline I do not have my own phone

OK to add phone # to TAG Remind?* Yes No OK to add phone # to Teen Events Remind?* Yes No

*Must be 14 or older to join Remind. If you are 13 you will not be added, but your parent can join—ask how. Standard messaging rates apply. For privacy info, visit help.remind.com.

Your School _____ Your Grade _____

Your (not parent's) Email _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Phone(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Email(s) _____

Why are you interested in becoming a TAG member? _____

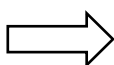
What teen events/programs/classes/services do you think should be offered at LPL? _____

What are your interests, hobbies or special talents? _____

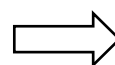
With what other clubs/groups are you involved? _____

As a member of TAG you are expected to attend monthly TAG meetings, and to participate in multiple outreaches/ programs each year (please refer to the TAG Guidelines for more information). If you agree to this, please sign below:

Your Signature _____



Wait, there's more! Please turn over.



Staff Use: Date Rec'd: _____ Added to: Roster Email List AW Email List BO Rmd TAG Rmd Events

**Lewisville Public Library – Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Application
Parent Agreement Form**

Teen Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Email(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Phone(s) _____

Please read this statement and sign below:

I understand that my teen is applying for membership into the Lewisville Public Library Teen Advisory Group. I also understand that membership is not automatic.

I understand that my teen is committing to:

- attending monthly TAG Meetings throughout the year
- participating in multiple additional outreaches/programs throughout the year

I will support my teen’s participation in TAG by providing transportation and other assistance as needed, however, I also understand that it is my teen’s responsibility to keep track of important dates and other information.

I understand that TAG serves as the face of the Library and of the City of Lewisville, and thus any member whose behavior reflects poorly on the Library and the City will receive strikes on their record, be excluded from events, sent home from events, and/or have their membership in TAG revoked.

Parent Signature _____

Today’s Date _____

Please return completed application to the Youth Services Desk at Lewisville Public Library.
(You may keep the cover page with TAG information and meeting dates on it.)

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