

# TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

## APPLICATION PACKET 2009/2010

Wyomissing Public Library is pleased that you are interested in becoming a member of the Teen Advisory Board. We want to better serve our teen patrons through this program. We encourage you to complete this application thoughtfully and thoroughly. Please see below for more information. Thank you for your interest in the Wyomissing Public Library's Teen Advisory Board!

### **What is the Teen Advisory Board?**

TAB is a group of teens who participate in and influence the functioning of the library, especially for teen programming and library materials. TAB is a forum to have your opinions and suggestions heard. It is also an opportunity for additional volunteer hours.

### **Qualification**

- Students in grades 7-12 OR young adults ages 13-19
- Home schooled students are welcome to join
- Must be willing to commit a minimum of 1 hour per month to T.A.B.
- Membership occurs on a yearly basis from the time the application is approved
- Must be willing to respect the opinions of others

### **Benefits of TAB**

- Granted community service hours
  - Library fines are waived (this does not include fines for lost or damaged items)
  - Involvement may be included on college and/or job resumes
- \*Members will only receive these benefits if they fulfill responsibilities of the TAB.**

### **How much time will it involve?**

T.A.B. will involve one hour a month for a meeting and anytime you choose to devote to program planning, other T.A.B. activities or volunteer services.

### **Responsibilities of TAB Members**

Including but not limited to...

- Attend a minimum of 9 out of the 12 meetings per year
- Offer suggestions for young adult library materials
- Aide in planning teen programs through brainstorming, marketing, publicity, setting up, and other library related activities, etc.
- Promote the library, its services and activities in school and in the community

### **Meetings**

We will meet as a group at least once per month for approximately one hour. During the meeting we will discuss and plan upcoming activities, book suggestions, programming ideas, and ways the library can help teens. The board sets its own meeting schedule based on the most convenient time for its members.

### **Community Service**

- You will be given community service hours for time spent at meetings
- Any additional time volunteering at the library will count toward your T.A.B. volunteer hours (helping to set up programs, helping with library related activities, aiding with children's programs, etc.)
- You will not receive volunteer hours for attending teen programs

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

**\*May be submitted at anytime**

Please complete the application below and return it to the Wyomissing Public Library's circulation desk. Or mail it to:

Wyomissing Public Library  
Attn: Corinne App  
9 Reading Blvd.  
Reading, PA, 19610

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to contact you? Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of your interests and extracurricular activities?

What changes would you make to the Wyomissing Library to better serve teens?

Have you volunteered or worked in a library before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware my teen is applying for a position with the Wyomissing Public Library Teen Advisory Board. I have read the information and responsibility association with the Teen Advisory Board. I understand my teen is applying for a year of volunteer service. Their service as a member of the Teen Advisory Board can be used on a college or employment resume, only if their responsibilities are fulfilled.

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

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