

Structure of Franklin Public Library Teen Advisory Board

- The Franklin Public Library Teen Advisory Board (FPL TAB) meets in-person at least 3 times a school year (September, December and May) for approximately one hour. All other meetings or communication is done solely through the use of an online social chat app (WhatsApp).
- Additional in-person meetings may be determined by the Teen Librarian if there are enough agenda items to warrant an hour-long meeting.
- Meeting dates are determined by a poll on WhatsApp. The Teen Librarian gives TAB members a number of days and times to select from and the date and time that most members can meet will be the date of the meeting.
- The Teen Librarian determines the agendas for each TAB meeting.
- FPL TAB has two meetings where the agenda is pre-determined – the Holiday Party in December and the Year-End party in May.
- At each meeting we try to go around and discuss the latest books we are reading.
- Besides the agenda the Teen Librarian has created, we have a laid back, open and welcoming environment for the teens to discuss topics that are relevant (and many times not so relevant) to the library. As one of the TAB members put it, we have “organized chaos”. We get everything done, but we tend to get off topic. 😊
- FPL TAB is a democratic organization. Any decisions that are made that are related to the workings of the organizations or what the club organization does are presented to the group and voted on by the members in attendance.
- FPL TAB is a community service organization. In addition to volunteer opportunities at the library, we brainstorm and vote on community service project(s) to perform throughout the year. These projects can benefit the library or an outside entity.
- At the beginning of the year, the Teen Librarian will make sure all current members’ information (name, grade and emergency contact number) is up-to-date and stored in an Excel spreadsheet.
- After each meeting, the Teen Librarian sends out a re-cap of the meeting via WhatsApp with solicitations for more ideas on the topics discussed at the meeting and reminders of upcoming events.