Teen, Teen, Goose:
Creating Whimsy in Your Teen Space

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Building Identity

Why is this important?
- Teens feel welcome
- Teens feel ownership of the space
- Encourages and invites participation in teen programs and events
- Can deter adults from lingering in the teen space

What are the benefits?
- Consistent afterschool crowd
- Library is known as a safe and comfortable third space for teens
- Teens become familiar with library staff
- Teens feel cared for and seen

Passive Programming

Games : Uno, puzzles, quick play time is best
Art Supplies: Coloring books, origami paper, markers/crayons, passive version of community art projects
Home Supplies: Pencils/pens/highlighters, stapler, lined paper, etc.

Feedback Opportunities: Feedback sheet on supply shelf & Teen Advisory Group. Supplies can be tailored to the teens' needs and the feedback sheet can be more accessible to shy teens
Considerations: Use clear "Teens Only" signage, supplies stay in the teen space. Shelving can also be used to provide a bin of free period supplies for teens.

Community Art

Drip Art Inspired Mural
- Artist Inspiration: Jen Stark
- Large paper, acrylic paint
- Each teen creates one section, then staff assemble final piece on the wall

Splatter Paint Extravaganza
- Small and large canvases (individual pieces, community pieces), slightly watered down paint, paintbrushes, toothbrushes
- Do this program outside & use drop cloths!

Abstract Paper Collage
- Cardstock, canvases, glue, scissors
- Provide a theme
- Once finished, "puzzle piece" the canvases together on the wall

Mascots

General Mascot Choosing Guidelines
- The sillier, the better! If it seems utterly ridiculous, you're on the right track and the teens will probably like it
- Possible options: porch goose, a stapler with googly eyes, thrifted taxidermy, a silly looking plushie
- If you make a name tag for your mascot, it seems more official.

Programming/Mascot Use
- Bracket and voting process to name the mascot
- Mascot themed decor: wall art, incorporate mascot into book displays
- Passive programming: art submissions
- Teen space signage featuring mascot
- Outreach: take the mascot out into the community with you!