

Agenda Item 7
Brief Overview of Teen Section Under
Consideration

In Process– Restructuring of the Young Adult Section

Current: Young Adult (YA) Section (ages 13+)

- Medical and legal definitions of young adults do not use the same age range as libraries and YA reading material.
- In libraries, professional standards categorize reading materials for ages 13-17 as "Young Adult."
- The material in the YA section is age appropriate according to publishers and professional reviews.

In Process– Development of Teen Section

During board meetings and public comments, concerns have been expressed over using the term "young adult" for minors.

Teen Section (ages 13-17)

- Items of interest to younger teens
- Items that feature characters that are age 17 or younger.
- Material in our Teen area will share a lot of similarities with the material in our Young Adult area because both sections will contain items that publishers have categorized for "Young Adult."

Young Adult Section

- No specific age range, but geared towards older teens
- Items that features college age (or older) characters will remain in the young adult section.
- Young Adult sections will be physically positioned closer to the adult books, where possible.

Defining characteristics for each section are still being set and are subject to change.