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The ACLD Foundation and Teens

Libraries have a special place in America's communities today. But, will they always? To continue being held in high regard requires attracting new users. Today's teens are the coming generation of adults. Will they be library patrons? The Foundation is partnering with the Alachua County Library District to build special areas—Teen Spaces/Zones—to attract teens to their local branch libraries and engage them in programs and activities designed for them. Teens can learn to sew, join a book club, watch a movie, play chess, use a computer or free wifi, study, get research or reading recommendations from a librarian—all in these safe places.

The Foundation has already funded teen spaces in five District libraries and is funding a sixth at the renovated and expanded Tower Road Branch. Together, we encourage teen participation and provide the environment and the resources for teens to become active in their communities, starting at their local libraries.

