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Public Library Launches New Online TEENSPACE Teenspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org

The latest addition to the Public Library's web page, TEENSPACE is a dynamic new site offering what teens want, when they want it. Created in collaboration with the Library's Teen Advisory Board, TEENSPACE was developed especially for teens to provide a different, more immediate way for them to stay connected 24/7 with the latest books and reading at the Library. Its bright, bold techno design, selected by and extensively tested by teens, makes it easy to navigate through a wide variety of teen-related topics as well as the most frequently requested resources. Highlighting books and reading, this new web page offers many great features including:

- Book reviews written by and for teens
- Vivid descriptions of the latest teen books and CDs at the Library
- Hot authors and series where teens can sign up to be notified of the latest books from their favorite authors or in their favorite series
- Great "Homework Help" resources including the reference tools teens use for everyday projects—from dictionaries and Thesauruses to full text magazines
- Access to *Seven Hills Review*, a creative writing ezine where teens can submit their own works and read those written by others
- An interactive portal called "Talk to Us" for teens to provide direct feedback about the web page and the Library
- Information about programs and events just for teens going on "At the Library"
- Interactive quizzes, polls, games, comics as well as information on health, volunteering, colleges and more
- Plus, a guide to all the cool cultural happenings "Around Town"

In addition, TEENSPACE provides virtual features to be regularly updated with topics of special interest to teens. This month's headliner is Urban Legends which comes alive through websites, booklists and fun facts teens find fascinating.

"The web page will be constantly evolving to meet the ever-changing needs and interests of teens," said Paula Brehm-Heeger, Teen Coordinator for the Library. "It's an effective web resource that keeps reading and the Library actively in the forefront of their everyday lives."

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