

BOOK BOX SUBSCRIPTION



BOOK SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE



ESSEX LIBRARY *Teen* 2026 WINTER CHALLENGE



HOW IT WORKS

Sign Up!

January 1 - February 28th 2025

Students aged 12 - 18 can sign up in person, online, or through email with the Essex Library @ jbranciforte@essexlib.org.

Complete 5+ reading challenges.

Once you have completed any 5 challenges, come to the library to collect your prize!

For every extra challenge you complete, get an extra raffle ticket for the grand prize.

PRIZES

Any teen who completes 5 challenges gets a FREE book and one raffle ticket for a chance to win our

GRAND PRIZE:

a raffle basket filled with hardcover books, gift cards to local shops, and bookish gifts.

(Raffle drawn on February 28th.)

TEEN EVENTS



TAKE AND MAKE - FOIL SCRATCH ART TEEN MONTH OF DECEMBER AGES 12 - 18

Grab a supply kit and create. Follow the outlines of this month's item to reveal metallic art below. Each kit will include the scratch art and wooden tool needed to make your masterpiece. First come, first served. Show us your finished project for a chance to be honored in our crafty D.I.Y. Hall of Fame.



TEEN CONTEST - BOOK SPINE POETRY MONTH OF DECEMBER AGES 12 - 18

Create found poetry with a pile of books! Stack a few titles to create a poem, snap a photo and enter our contest to win a gift card. Email your image to jbranciforte@essexlib.org before December 31st. Our contest winner will be notified in the first week of January. Ages 12+ please.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS SELECT THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 11TH & 18TH AT 5 P.M. GRADES 9 - 12

Join us and play the "world's greatest role-playing game" at one of the Essex Library's Dungeons & Dragons sessions! Create your own character and join the adventure to fight monsters and explore new lands. Both new and experienced players welcome.



GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 1 P.M. AGES 12 - 18

Music, snacks and fancy gift wrap! The winter season is upon us, and with it comes many gift giving opportunities. If you're in need of a present for a friend, parent or teammate, find all that you're looking for at our library workshop. Projects include: painted canvases, winter gnome keepsakes, beaded key chains, glass message bottles and more. Visit a table, grab your supplies, and create here or take it to go.



TEEN BOOK BOX READER SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE AGES 12 - 18

Reserve a Teen Book Box on our website by filling out our Book Box form, and our Teen Librarian will use your reading preferences to create a subscription box just for you. Included in your package will be books tailored to your reading preferences, themed snacks, and other small goodies. Your box will be set aside and checked out to you on our hold shelf.



We have open seats on our Teen Advisory Board! We're recruiting teens of all ages to help us make the library a better place for young adults.

Help us choose books, plan programs, design the teen department and mentor young readers, all the while earning volunteer service hours.

Snacks provided. Registration is encouraged as space is limited.

CHALLENGE ACTIVITIES

Register for a Teen Book Box.

Follow The Essex Library on Instagram.

Wave to a librarian.

Check out the building renovations in the Teen Area.

Fill out a Teen Survey.

Check out a book on Hoopla or Libby.

Sign up for or renew a library card.

Write a book review for the Teen Room.

Check out the Library of Things.

Read a Graphic Novel.

Join a library program for teens.

Take an art bookmark made by TAB.

Read a book by your favorite author.

Write a two sentence short story.

Write a line of book spine poetry.

Read a book written in verse.

Visit the Teen tab on our library website.

Join the Essex Library Teen Advisory Board.

Make a recipe from a cookbook.

Grab a "Take and Make" bag from the Teen Dept.

ACTIVITY LINKS



Use this QR Code to:
visit the Teen Tab on our website,
complete a Book Review form,
fill out a Volunteer Application and/or
fill out a Teen Services Survey.

https://www.youressexlibrary.org/teens/teens_volunteer/



Use this QR Code to:
watch a virtual author talk.
<https://libraryc.org/essexlib>



Use these QR Codes to:
download our mobile app and
check out a digital item.

TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



The Essex Library Teen Department is looking for young adult volunteers ages 12 - 18. All teen volunteers are trained to help us organize our book collection, review new book possibilities, design displays, and create art used in the Teen area and at the front desk. There are also opportunities to mentor younger children and to help our Teen Librarian develop and run programs. Being a library volunteer looks great on your resume, helps with job experience, and delivers an avenue to help your peers and the greater community.