



Youth Advisory Group

Role

The Asphodel-Norwood Public Library (ANPL) Youth Advisory Group (YAG) will serve in an advisory capacity informing ANPL on the interests of our local youth and teens to help guide ANPL programs and services. The collaborative approach will help ensure ANPL is an inclusive and welcoming space for youth and teens in our community.

Group Composition

YAG shall be made up of four – 12 members, aged 12 – 18. YAG members shall reside in the Township of Asphodel-Norwood **OR** attend a school in the Township of Asphodel-Norwood **OR** be a valid card holder with the ANPL.

YAG shall consist of a President, Vice-President and Secretary, Members, and a Library Staff Facilitator. Members elected to one of the three executive positions may serve for one or two years. After two years, they must be re-elected by the group to remain in their role.

Roles and Responsibilities

YAG will:

- advise the Library on the provision of services to young adults;
- make suggestions about the youth and young adult collections;
- help guide Library programming to meet the interests of youth and teens;
- in collaboration with Library staff, engage in projects of interest to youth and teens of its own choosing and within Library capacity;
- help ANPL foster authentic relationships with community youth and teens;
- represent the interests of the Library to their own schools and peers;
- promote literacy among youth and teens in the Township of Asphodel-Norwood;
- be a platform where teens can engage the community and meet other young people in a safe and welcoming environment;
- listen attentively without judgement;
- attempt collaboration before conflict, sharing differing views and opinions is encouraged, as long as shared in a respectful way;
- use appropriate language in conversations.

Procedures

YAG shall meet at minimum six times per year, alternating between the Norwood and Westwood Branch of the ANPL.

Members eligible for volunteer hours will receive time for YAG meetings as well as program support and other volunteer opportunities scheduled with the Library Staff Facilitator.

Members using demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing speech/behaviour will be asked to leave the meeting by the Library Staff Facilitator. If a member must be asked to leave a meeting more than once, they will no longer be permitted to be a member of YAG.