

B9i-ii Teen/Tween Workshop: Designing for Youth Empowerment

Purpose:

- Build relationships with community members.
- To learn more about what the goals and aspirations are, what they can envision a dedicated space in the library to be and to engage them in the process to foster ownership.
- To garner feedback about what the community will want the library to do, be and contain for themselves, their families and their neighbors (based on community needs, dreams and aspirations).

Description:

The consultant team conducts a workshop for teen school groups to gain a better understanding of how they perceived their neighborhood, where in the neighborhood they had positive and negative experiences, and, ultimately, what they wanted in a dedicated “third place” and how they could envision impacting their neighborhood in positive change.

Example Materials:



This Results in:

- Discovering what the needs are of the youth and teens in the community that are not being met.
- Discovering what their goals and aspirations are and what can they envision the space to be.
- Discovering how can we genuinely engage the targeted youth in making a contribution to real community change.
- Discovering what motivates the youth in the community, their interests and passions, what they value and why, and what they would enjoy most about their space at the library.

