

Official YAZ Rules

1. Any patron is permitted to browse in the YAZ, but all seating and equipment in the YAZ are for the use of Teens in 7th-12th grade.
2. Occupancy limit in the YAZ is **12 people**.
3. Personal Items
 - a. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ITEMS UNATTENDED!** Take your things with you when you leave the YAZ, even if it's only for a moment. The library is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
 - b. Keep your items with you while you are in the YAZ; do not leave them sitting in the aisles or in front of the stacks. This gets in the way of other patrons trying to use our facilities.
4. The Booths:
 - a. Only two people per bench seat.
 - b. Both feet must be on the floor.
 - c. Your rear-ends must be on the seat, not on the table or another person.
5. Language and Disruptive Behavior:
 - a. Obscenities, language of a sexually explicit or violent nature, and put-downs or insults (whether or not that person is present) will not be tolerated.
 - b. Running; violent physical contact or rough-housing, such as hitting or kicking, even if it's not meant to harm; amorous behavior, such as kissing; throwing objects, like paper wads or airplanes; will not be tolerated.
 - c. Inappropriate noise level: it's ok to make some noise, but the noise level should not disrupt other library patrons.
 - d. Sleeping is not allowed in the library.
6. Eating and drinking are only allowed in the booth-area of the YAZ. However, if messes or spills are left on the booths, we will not be able to permit food and beverages in the YAZ.
7. Dress
 - a. Patrons are not permitted to be in the library without shirt or shoes. If you do not have a shirt or shoes, you will be asked to leave the library.
 - b. Inappropriate or "gang" language and logos on clothing will not be permitted. Patrons will be asked to turn the garment inside-out or asked to leave the library and return with appropriate clothing.

The YAZ is meant to be a place for the MPL patrons to utilize our library services. We want to make this space as welcoming as possible, and as long as the behavior in this area reflects that goal, we will continue to leave it open and available to our Teen patrons.

If you cannot behave appropriately in the YAZ, you will be asked to leave. You will receive one warning. If the librarian on duty has to ask you more than once to stop a behavior, you will be asked to leave. If the librarian cannot tell who is responsible for the behavior, the whole group will be asked to leave. This is not a ban from the library – you will be able to return the following day. However, if you are a repeat offender, a ban is possible.

Any behavior that poses a threat to other people in the library or to the library property will result in immediate expulsion from the library. There will be no warnings in such instances.

The Mooresville Public Library strives to be a welcoming place to all of our patrons. If our Teen patrons take advantage of our hospitality, and their behavior keeps other patrons from feeling welcome or comfortable in our teen space, they will be asked to leave.

Remember: **One warning and you're out.**