

THE NEW IN-BETWEENS: PROGRAMMING FOR AGES 18-30

“Eighty million potential library users were born between 1982–1995. These Echo Boomers constitute more research, social media use, and digital navigation than the previous three generations combined - **as well as 20% of the current electorate.**”

Echo Boomers are the catalyst to several social, economic, and technological changes. This generation, also referred to as Millennials or Generation Y, have shown to be a more tolerant and open demographic in society. They are always digitally connected and are shifting the practices of information curation, retrieval, and analytics. **However, this is the smallest group of community users in public libraries today.**

Their proficiency in obtaining information and entertainment as well as the tendency to delay family planning has left libraries practically off the radar of echo boomers. The objectives to library services for 20s & 30s is manifold and include: introducing this important group of our voting population to learn and appreciate the services offered to their community, promoting life-long learning and edutainment commitment, showcasing public libraries in an attractive light, as well as offering alternative economic services for job seeking, education, networking and entertainment.”

Sam Helmick & Mallorie Graham.

Echoes in the Library: Programs & Services for Users in Their 20s and 30s

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BEGINNINGS

Voices of Youth Committee

- Subcommittee of the Family & Children First Council of Trumbull County
- Serves at-risk youth, youth-in-transition, young adults ages 16-25
- Representatives from agencies throughout county
- Conversation about lack of support/social interaction for this age group
- No public transportation, hard to find employment
- Library chose term "young adults"
- Empowerment
- Open to all in this age group

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WHAT WE DO

A lot like a Teen Advisory Board

- Volunteer opportunities helping with children's and teen programs (a lot of former 'regulars' and TAB members)
- Empower themselves, help the community
- A good meal: pizza, Subway (Gift cards donated by VOY Committee)
- Talk about goals (both short- and long-term), education, job interviews, budgeting, eating healthy while on a budget
- Group encouragement and support
- TED Talks, How to Adult channel on YouTube
- Access to VOY Closet

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FUTURE PLANS

Social opportunities

- Movie nights
- Book discussions
- Local, successful speakers (from the city high school)
- Harry Potter Alliance chapter
- Nerdfighter Gatherings

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Ready to take control of your future and make a difference in your community?

Come to our next meeting!

Mondays at 6:00pm at the Main Library in Warren: September 8, October 6, November 3, December 1



Exclusively for ages 18-25!
facebook.com/groups/trumbullcountyYA

Need somewhere to live?

- **Washington House:** call Megan Kane at 330-392-1120
- **Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority:** <http://www.trumbulltmha.org/>, individuals are eligible!

Want to volunteer?

- **Teen events:** check with Sarah about upcoming opportunities
- **Trumbull County Pound:** 330-675-2787; 7501 Anderson Ave (in Howland) // they always need people to walk the dogs
- **Animal Rescue League:** <http://www.awlrescueme.com/index.php/contact-us/volunteer>
- **Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership:** <http://www.tnpwarren.org/>
- **Trumbull Art Gallery:** <http://www.trumbullartgallery.com/>
- **Voices of Youth Committee meetings:** 3rd Thursday of every month at the YWCA

Want to go to school?

- **Fill out the FAFSA:** <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- **Eastern Gateway:** many grants available! You can go for basically free: <http://www.egcc.edu/>
- **TCTC:** http://www.tctc.com/adulteducation_home.aspx (Federal aid applies to these programs!)
- **Get your GED:** <http://www.tctc.com/ABLEGED1.aspx>, including vouchers to help with test fees!

Need a job?

- **Catholic Charities job list:** check with Sarah; we get it every month or so
- **Snagajob.com:** refine your list to "teen" to find jobs that don't require experience
- **OneStop:** www.onestopohio.org

Other stuff?

- **Transportation:** talk to Sarah about transportation application!
- **Supplies for life:** Voices of Youth closet at YWCA; anyone can go with Sarah. Toiletries, apartment stuff, & more
- **Warren Family Mission:** like their Facebook to hear about food giveaways: <http://warrenfamilymission.com/>
- **Warren West Community Health Center:** 330-373-0222 // <http://www.onehealthohio.org/> (medical & dental)
- **Planned Parenthood:** 330-399-5104 // Cortland (STD testing, pregnancy/preventative, men's care)
- **Community Legal Aid:** <http://www.communitylegalaid.org/>; don't let landlords get away with it if doesn't seem right & other stuff!
- **Help Hotline:** <http://www.help hotline.org/>
- **W-TCPL Library cards:** require a photo ID and proof of address, such as your water bill (if your current ID doesn't have your correct address). Get access to books, computers, eBooks, movies, music, & more. <http://www.wtcpl.org/>

Questions?

Feel free to contact me!

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