

Mammen Family Public Library Teen Discord Server Guidelines

The **Mammen Family Public Library (MFPL) Teen Discord Server** is a virtual library space for teens (ages 13 to 18). Just like in-person teen spaces at MFPL, this server is a shared place where teens can express themselves in a safe, respectful manner that doesn't impede access for any other members.

MFPL Staff are here to make sure the server is operating correctly, help facilitate programs, answer questions, and assist with anything else that might arise. MFPL Staff are **not** necessarily here to jump into conversations on the server – while we are always happy to chat with you, this is YOUR space and we respect it and fully support it as a teen-led space.

We don't want to limit how you and other teens interact on this server, but we want to make sure that this server is a welcoming, inclusive, and safe library space for all teens. Here are this server's guidelines:

1. **By joining, using, participating, and remaining on this server, you confirm that:**
 - You understand this server's purpose and you are currently a teen (ages 13-18).
 - You received an official invite to join this server by [filling out the form](#).
 - You agree to leave this server once you turn 19.
2. **Be courteous and respectful to all.**
 - This server is a safe space for all teens—all teens are welcome and supported on this server.
 - Be excellent to each other, lift each other up, encourage each other's ideas, and celebrate everyone's successes.
 - Respect each other's identities, perspectives, beliefs, and points of view.
3. **Be conscious of how you approach conversations.**
 - Everyone is entitled to their own beliefs and opinions. Civil discussions about differing perspectives are permitted—but hurtful or offensive comments about an individual or groups of people are not allowed.
 - Be mindful of where you are posting messages on this server; use the appropriate channels for specific conversations (such as political discussions in politics).
 - Harassment, bullying, trolling, or shaming of any kind in any form is not allowed.
4. **Only post/share content that is appropriate for this server.**
 - Usernames/nicknames and messages sent anywhere on this server, as well as any uploaded custom emojis/stickers, should only include appropriate, harmless, and nondisruptive content, links, or files.
 - Carefully consider what you include in your public bio or status and its impact on others.
 - Spamming is only permitted in channels intended for spam; this channel exists to provide a space for you to spam appropriate messages that do not meaningfully contribute to other conversations on this server.
5. **Keep your personal information safe.**
 - This is a safe space, but avoid oversharing; never share things like your full name, phone number, or address.
 - Remember what you put on the internet is there to stay, even if it is deleted.
 - Don't post things online that you wouldn't want anyone else to see.

6. Self-promotion is totally okay.

- Share and promote your own Discord server, Twitch stream, YouTube channel, Instagram account, and more in self-promo. You can also share awesome stuff going on in-person in the community or virtually.
- Anything shared in self-promo or community-promo must be free (no cost) and open to the public to participate in or attend.
- BUT you can't post on this server or direct message ("DM") someone from this server to advertise anything for sale, such as commissions for artwork or other things you or someone else made. You also can't ask for payment of any kind, for any reason (such as posting a Venmo or Cash App QR code) or post referral links/codes where you or someone else receives a financial incentive or credit (such as Temu).

This server also abides by the following guiding documents:

- The [Mammen Family Public Library's policies](#), including Section 11 of the BARLD's policy on Computer and Internet usage.
- [Discord's Community Guidelines](#) and [Discord's Terms of Service](#).

Comments posted by teens on this server do not necessarily reflect the views or position of the Mammen Family Public Library.

- A record of this server, including but not limited to deleted messages, will be retained for archival purposes.

By joining, using, participating, and remaining on this server, you grant the Mammen Family Public Library permission to share and reproduce any content you post on this server for informational, educational, and promotional purposes. We will remove your username on anything we share/reproduce, unless we've asked for and receive your consent to share/reproduce your content with your username or name.

- What we mean by this is that from time to time, we may use messages or content from conversations on this server to share with other people – such as library administrators or external stakeholders – to showcase how the server is being used by teens.

Not following this server's guidelines...

MFPL Staff and/or Teen Moderators may contact you if something you post is not in the spirit of these guidelines. We'll let you know what's going on and have an open, honest conversation with you about the situation; our hope is to clear up any misunderstandings so everyone can get back to enjoying the server.

- If you choose not to adhere to these guidelines at any time, MFPL Staff and/or Teen Moderators may limit how your account can access/participate in this server.