

Books Inc. 's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Information and Application

We are so excited that you are interested in joining Books Inc.'s Teen Advisory Board! Please make sure to read our goals and expectations for the Teen Advisory Board. If it all sounds fun to you, you are between the ages of 13 & 17, and you think you can agree to the commitment, make sure to fill out and return the application and the parent/guardian permission slip to the appropriate Books Inc. Location: Books Inc. Alameda or Books Inc. Palo Alto.

Teen Advisory Board Goals and Expectations

Our goal in creating the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is to foster a community with our Teen readers. We are looking for enthusiastic teens, ages 13-17, interested in all things book related who are able to meet once a month to review books, create interesting displays, volunteer at events, and give informed and unique event and buying input.

Expectations:

TAB Members will be **required** to:

- Attend at least 6 of the 9 meetings
- Write at least three 2-3 paragraph reviews for Books Inc.'s YA Blog
- Volunteer for at least 2 Books Inc. Kids or YA events

TAB Members are **encouraged** to:

- Create fun and eye-catching book displays
- Write creative and fun blog posts
- Promote Books Inc.'s YA events on personal social media accounts, specifically those hosted in their store
- Write Shelf Talkers for the YA section
- Come up with fun themes and craft ideas for future meetings
- Give buying advice to the Books Inc. Children's specialist
- Nominate a Buzz Book
- Give feedback and advice on NYMBC Teen Events
- Interview YA authors
- Create fun book themed events for their respective store
- Volunteer at author events
- Recruit fellow book lovers for the Teen Advisory Board
- Attend other Books Inc. Events
- Read and have fun!

Meeting Format

As each TAB is formed we are now allowing them to evolve according to their own needs and that of the hosting-store. As of July 2023, the Alameda TAB is meeting the Second Sunday of the Month at 3PM. The Palo Alto Teen Advisory Board is in the process of forming. We will advertise the first meeting soon for those who are interested in joining.

Each meeting will be 1-2 hours long depending on the pre-planned activities, and will be supervised by the Books Inc. Children's specialist or Manager. At least one meeting should be dedicated to discussing, as a group and including the Books Inc. staff-member, what the TAB wants to accomplish or do at each meeting. However, the most important thing you'll do is talk about books! Review them, write shelf-talkers, and convince the Books Inc. Children's Specialist on what we HAVE to have on our shelves.

Each TAB is unique to their members and their hosting store, but they are all each encouraged to volunteer at events at any and all Books Inc. locations. They can keep up-to-date on upcoming events via Books Inc.'s event calendar or by asking their in-store contact. If they would like to request a specific author for an event, they can email Books Inc.'s Children's Events Manager, Hannah Walcher, at hwalcher@booksinc.net and she will do her best to convince the publishers to bring them to the store!

If you have reviewed our requirements and schedule and are excited and able to join one of our two Books Inc. Teen Advisory Boards, either at Books Inc. Alameda or Books Inc. Palo Alto, **please fill out and return the following 2 pages to your respective store location** before the first meeting you are able to attend.

Teen Application



Name:

Age (13-17):

School:

Books Inc. Store Location (Circle One): Books Inc. Alameda/ Books Inc. Palo Alto

What are your top three favorite books, and why?

1.

2.

3.

What is your favorite genre?

What was your most recent read? Would you recommend it?

Do you consider yourself an introvert, extrovert, or both?

What strengths do you think you would bring to the Advisory Board? I.E.: Excellent writing skills, big imagination, enthusiasm for social media, ext.

What is your availability?

Extracurricular activities?

One fun fact!

Books Inc. Teen Advisory Board Permission Slip

Parent/Guardian Statement

I, _____ (print name), am the custodial parent and/or legal guardian of
_____ (print name of child). I give my permission for the teen to participate in the Teen
Advisory Board.

I acknowledge that my child's participation in the activity is completely voluntary, designed to engage children in the love of books and not actual employment. I am responsible for obtaining any medical, accident, or other insurance that I may deem appropriate.

By signing this form, I release, indemnify, and hold harmless Books Inc. and its employees from and against all claims for damages or injuries involving my child which occur as a result of misconduct, the actions or omissions of third parties, or relate to property which is not owned by Books Inc. I understand that for purposes of this Form, the term "employees" includes the Books Inc. owners, directors, employees and volunteers.

AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT MINOR: In the event that I, or other parent/legal guardian, cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the store staff to secure proper treatment for my child. I do hereby consent to whatever x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care are considered necessary in the best judgment of the attending physician, surgeon or dentist and performed by or under the supervision of the medical staff of the hospital or facility furnishing medical or dental services.

(Read carefully before signing.)

Date Signature of Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian

Street Address _____

City and State _____ Zip Code _____

Emergency Contact Name (print) _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____