

# Orange County Public Library's TEEN ADVISORY BOARD FAQ & APPLICATION

Please print, fill out in blue or black ink, and return to Orange County Public Library in Hillsborough.

## **What's TAB?**

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a group of teens who work to make the library teen-friendly. TAB is a great way to get service learning and community service hours.

## **How's TAB work?**

TAB runs for a few months twice a year. Session I runs from January through April. Session II runs from September through November. Space is limited, so you have to apply for each session. During a session, TAB meets as a group (over snacks) every other Tuesday from 6-6:50pm to discuss and plan things we want in the library for teens. On the weeks in between meetings, members can schedule service time to work on projects in the teen room if they want to get extra service hours. When the TAB puts together an event, members participate, eat tasty food, and have fun!

## **What types of things does TAB do?**

TAB helps to: make teen programs possible; promote reading and expression for and by teens; recommend things for the library's collections; create displays; design and create content for the TAB's zine, *WaxPrint* made for and by teens; work on the teen opportunities bulletin; and help to create a welcoming teen area in the library.

## **What are the benefits of joining TAB?**

TAB members will have the ability to influence what OCPL has available for teens; the opportunity to be creative and express themselves through projects and activities; fun + food at meetings and events; personal satisfaction in serving their community and peers; service learning requirements for high school or college; and experience for job applications.

## **How do I join TAB?**

To join, you'll need to fill out and submit an application to Miss Kafi (k-FEE) at the main Orange County Public Library, 137 West Margaret Lane in Hillsborough, NC. You must also: be at least 13; get your parent's permission; be committed to attending meetings and events; be open-minded and respectful of others views; be able to complete tasks with direction and on your own; and have a desire to help the library reach out to our community's teens.

## **Who do I contact if I have questions about the TAB?**

Feel free to direct any questions to Miss Kafi at 919-245-2536 or [ocpltab@gmail.com](mailto:ocpltab@gmail.com).

Applicant's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Applicants aren't required to live in Orange County or be currently enrolled in school in order to participate in OCPL's TAB.)

Parent/Guardian's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about OCPL's TAB?

What types of things that TAB does interest you?

What activities have you done that involve leadership or community service?

What are your favorite and least favorite things about OCPL?

By submitting this application to join Orange County Public Library's Teen Advisory Board, both the applicant and their parent/guardian confirm that they have read and understood how TAB works and what the members' requirements are. Both parties also give their permission for Orange County Public Library to use the applicant's picture in advertisement associated with TAB and the Library.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_