

DPL Teen Pathways

Employees

Teen employees in DPL are aged 14-18 and are typically paid minimum wage and are employed and paid by the city or partner agencies.

Two Roles

Employees are IdeaLAB Teen Techs, ideaLAB interns in collaboration with DPS, youth assistants and participants in the Denver Youth Employment Program.

ideaLAB Teen Techs work in the ideaLABs to support library customers and staff with fun and engaging programs.

Youth Assistants & DYEP teens help librarians complete tasks & design and implement programs by and for kids and teens.

TAB

TAB members focus on: Community Engagement, Advocacy and Policy Impact, Leadership Development, and Library Program Development.

TAB (Teen Advisory Board) is for teens aged 13-19. Each TAB has a staff facilitator.

Volunteers

Teen volunteers support staff in accomplishing a variety of tasks. They are between the ages of 14 and 18 and their hours are determined jointly with a staff liaison.

Two Options

They can earn hours that accumulate towards a total needed for graduation or other service hour requirements.

TAB members can accrue volunteer hours for working with TAB on co-created projects.

Teen volunteers are under the supervision of branch staff and work closely with them to determine tasks.