

TEEN FIRST POLICY

The mission for the Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival (TBF) is to foster a community effort to celebrate and promote reading by connecting teens and authors. Therefore, **in all sessions teens will have priority in seating.**

What does this mean on TBF Day?

Every session will have at least 2-3 Adult Author Assistants in the room and are prepared to supervise and make sure all teens in attendance have an engaging experience, even if they are unable to attend the session with the adult(s) who are also in attendance at the Festival.

Before the start of every session, all attendees will be asked to wait outside the door until the Adult Author Assistant begins to allow entry for the upcoming session.

At this time, all adults will be asked to wait outside while teens enter and are seated for the session.

Five minutes before the session begins adults will be allowed to enter, if any seats remain available.

We appreciate that some adults and teens might not want to be separated. If this is the case, we will ask that the teen also waits outside with the adult until five minutes prior to the start of the session. If it appears the session is going to fill to capacity, then the attendees can determine what plan of action is best for them:

- Plan to come back to a later session in the day that may be less crowded and would have more room for adults as well as teens.
- Decide to allow the teen(s) to attend the session without the adult.

Should you have concerns regarding the details of the Teen First Policy, please email us at questions@teenbookfest.org.