

# Community Conversations

## Belmont Student Insights



- **Now that the library is closed after school, I hear many teens....**are going home, being cold outside waiting for the library to open.
- **What do you like to do when you come to the library?** Hang out and play games, chill and talk with friends.
- **What's a realistic thing the library could do to help make people feel safe?** Have more guards, maybe metal detectors, more staff out
- **What people need to understand about being a teen in Dayton is...**it's hard and there isn't always parental support, but we can do things
- **Something the library could help me accomplish is....**getting a job and help with homework
- **How could the library's Homework Help Center help you with school?** Providing a quiet place with people to help with homework. Add Saturday hours.
- **What is something the library needs to do less of, or stop doing?** Stop being closed. Mixed thoughts, stop kicking people out, but also when you do have them out for longer/ban.

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## One action step that would benefit the most people

- Provide volunteer opportunities for teens to monitor spaces and check each other
- Restricting the children's space, maybe even a physical barrier
- More staff on the floor
- Be one-and-done for misbehavior, possible three strikes
- Provide bus passes for Middle School students who are often at after school activities and can't take the provided bus transportation that occurs right after school. This also makes it hard for older and younger siblings to ride together since high school students get an RTA pass
- Provide more lifeskills and pathways classes. Provide more FAFSA/College readiness programming.
- Provide a quiet room where teens can talk about their problems
- A really large poster that lists the rules and consequences
- Provide opportunities for the community to see the teens doing positive things