

## Community Partnerships Update – December 2022

### Teen Ambassador Program

The Teen Ambassador Program (TAP) engages youth ages 13-17 to learn about and inform library programs, services, and outreach. TAP meetings typically include 4-6 participants and are facilitated by the Teen Services & Engagement Librarian, Emely Villanueva, and the Teen Services Library Assistant, Kathleen Hanke. The program began in November 2021 and is offered during spring and fall semesters, as virtual sessions and at Copper Rock coffee shop. 2023 programs will be held at the library.

Teens share their input and discuss ideas, benefiting from building relationships with other young people and caring staff. TAP members discuss library news and brainstorm ideas for future programs and events. The TAP members are exploring a service project for this spring and sharing input for 2023 programs.

The program has been a bridge to additional service and employment opportunities for participating teens, including one teen speaking at a City Council meeting and two teens being hired as library staff in Materials Management.



Photo: December 2022 TAP meeting and end-of-year celebration, sponsored by Friends of Appleton Public Library



Photo: April 2022 TAP meeting