

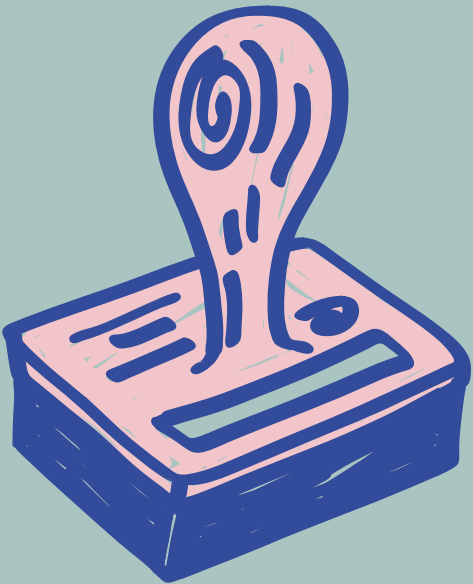
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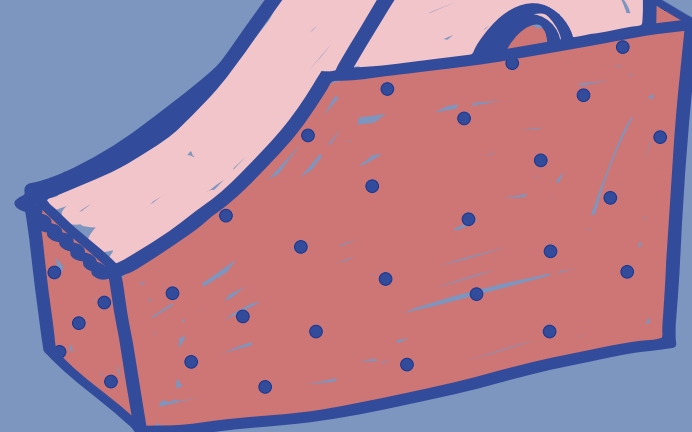
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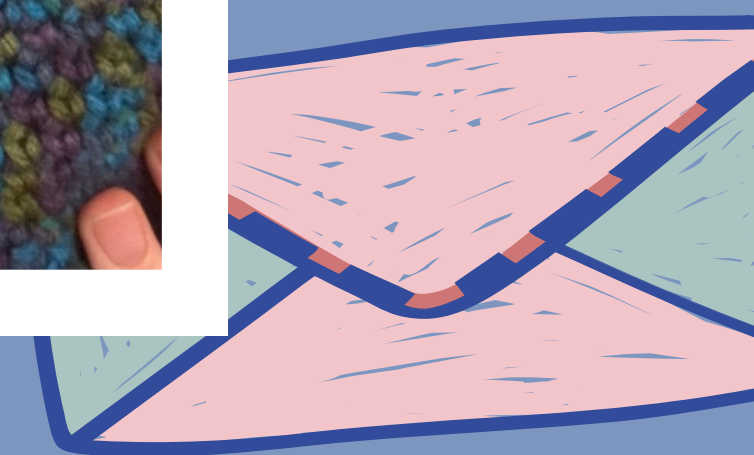
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	Teen Services and Socialization
	TLC and Other Examples
	What are Your Passions
	Questions

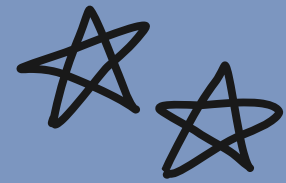
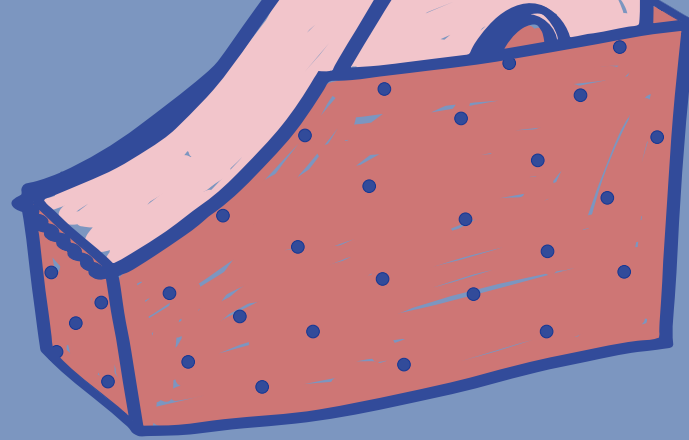




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- **Millennial**
- **Never cool**



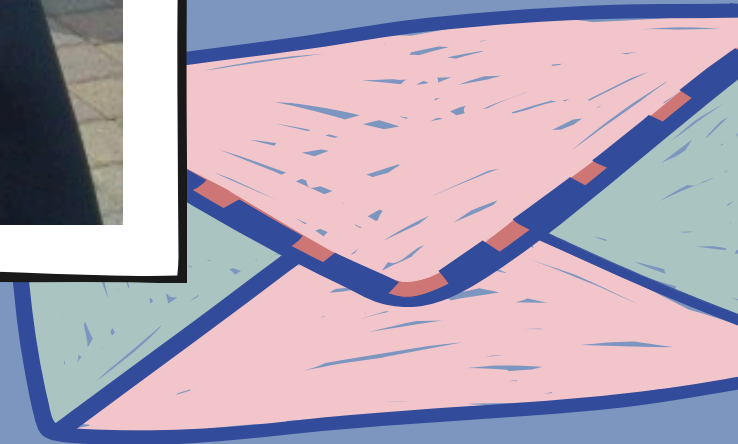
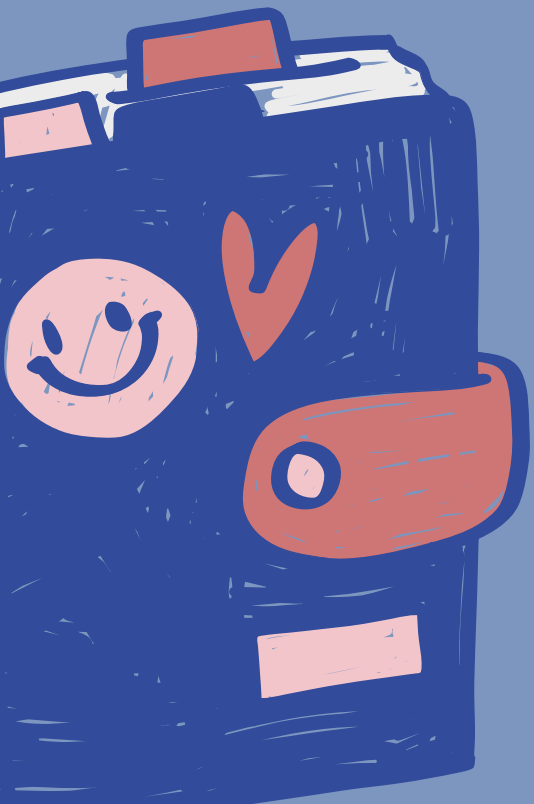
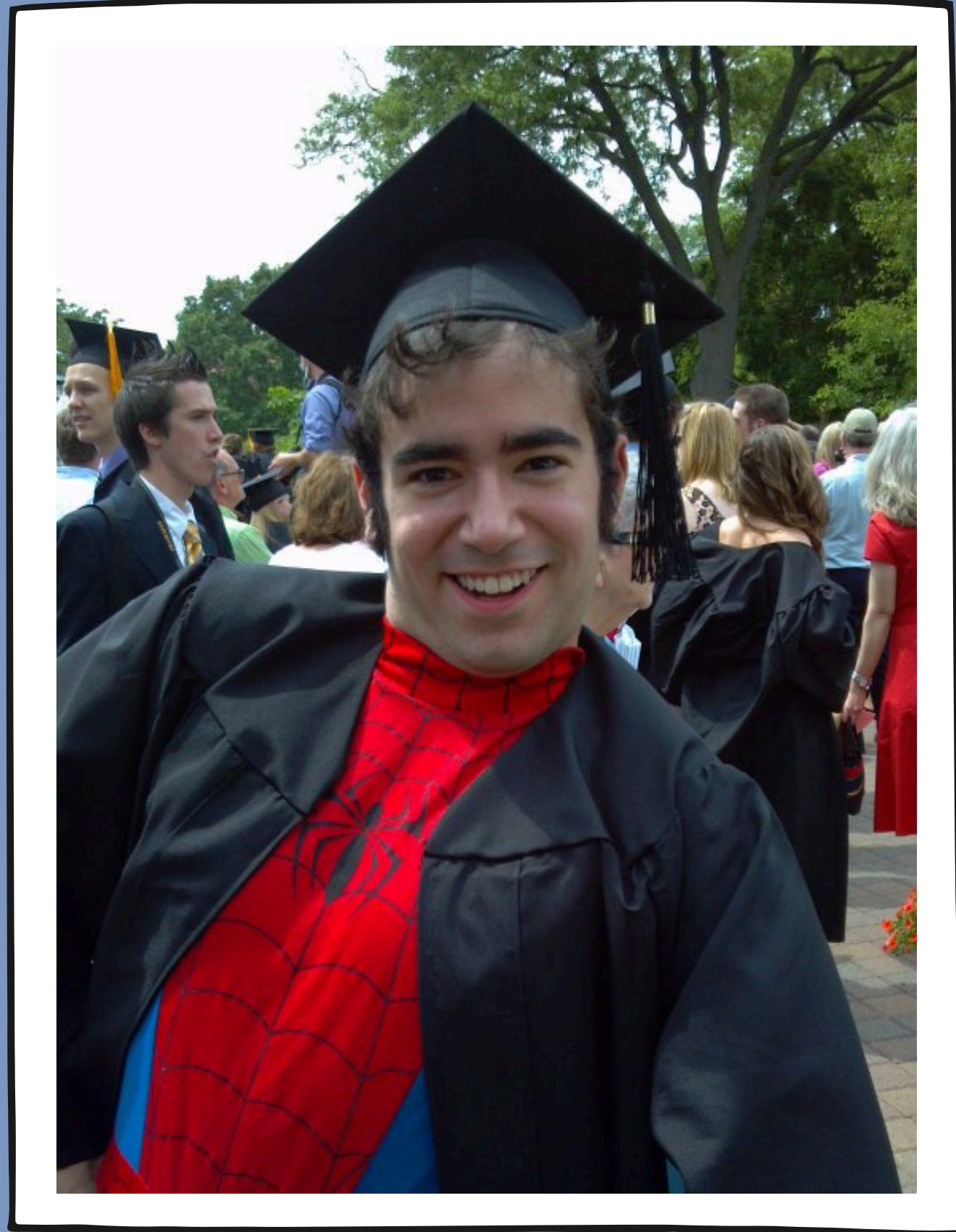


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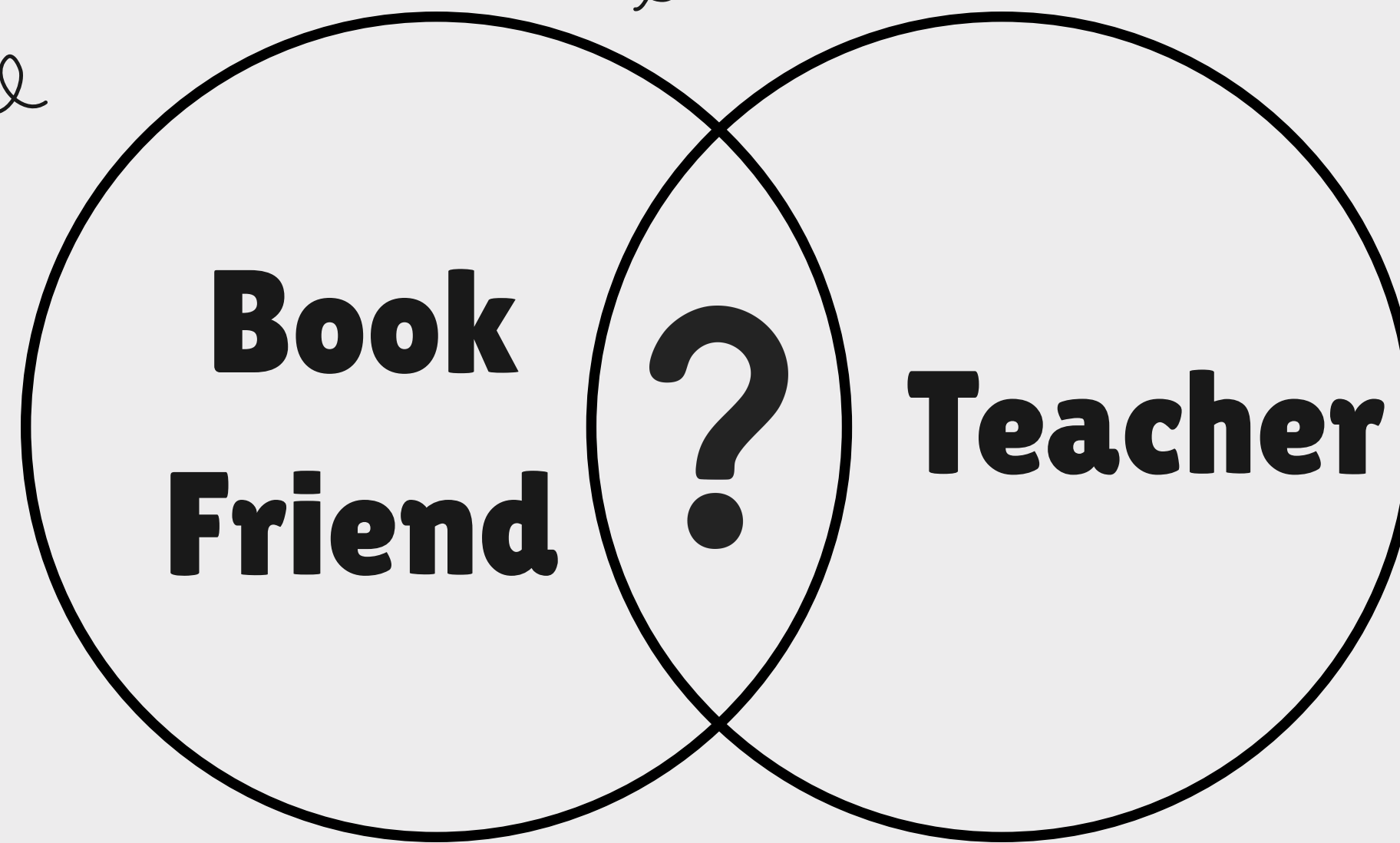
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- Lifelong Huge Nerd
- Chronic Overthinker





What does it MEAN...
To be a Librarian?



- **Librarians & Educators**
- **So you want me to be
half monk half hitman**
- **The middle is not mid**

Whoops, You're Old



Embrace It

Remember When You First Realized You're Old?



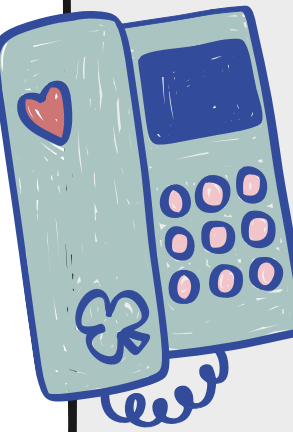
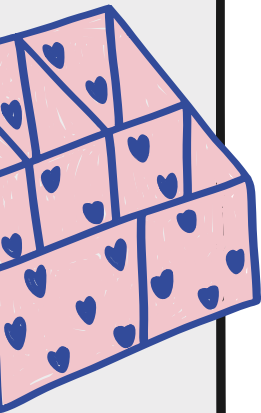
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Let Yourself Be Old, Teens Will

Laugh With You

**They can't roll their eyes at you if you're rolling
your eyes at yourself.**

**Librarians on trend are rarely trendy, part of the
joke is they are not cool!**



Social Media Presence



An awareness of what is cool > fluency

How to Kill the Most Annoying Slang

- 1** Use it.
- 2** Keep using it until they tell you no one says it anymore.
- 3** Use it on your promo materials.
- 4** Regret using it on your promo materials.
- 5** Feel accomplished for slaying the slang beast. No cap.

Teen Services =



Space for Socializing

How and Why are Teens Using Your Space

Maryam



About

- 15 years old
- 5.0 GPA
- All the extracurriculars, Key Club, NHS, etc.
- Genuinely loves volunteering
- Here to study and she is #LockedIn
- Here by herself or with one friend for body doubling

Aisha, the child of Samir & Yasmin, Couples with Clout, and John, a child of Olivia, American Royalty, are represented here

Needs

- Quiet space
- Small to medium-sized table for studying
- Minimal Distractions
- Space on the floor to pray with as much privacy as possible

Arjun



About

- 17 years old
- 3-4.0 GPA
- One or two extracurriculars
- Here to study with friends (2-9 others)
- Neurospicy and gets distracted easily

Anya Patel, the child of Raj & Priya, Across the Ages, would fit this profile

Needs

- Ability to chat with friends while working
- Large table for group work and snacks
- Something to fidget with
- Activity to occupy time during breaks
- Secondary quiet space to reset if overstimulated

Indira



About

- 14 years old
- Does a sport or band, which she prioritizes over academics
- Comes with 2-4 friends
- Presumably here to study but mostly socializing, often sketches or crafts while chatting
- Might need one sound reminder

Sarah Johnson, the child of Emily & Mark, Settled in Suburbia, would fit this profile

Needs

- Space for her group to socialize freely without disturbing others
- Mid to large sized table to spread out books and food
- Easy access to food delivery
- Space to film a TikTok when inspiration strikes

Malik



About

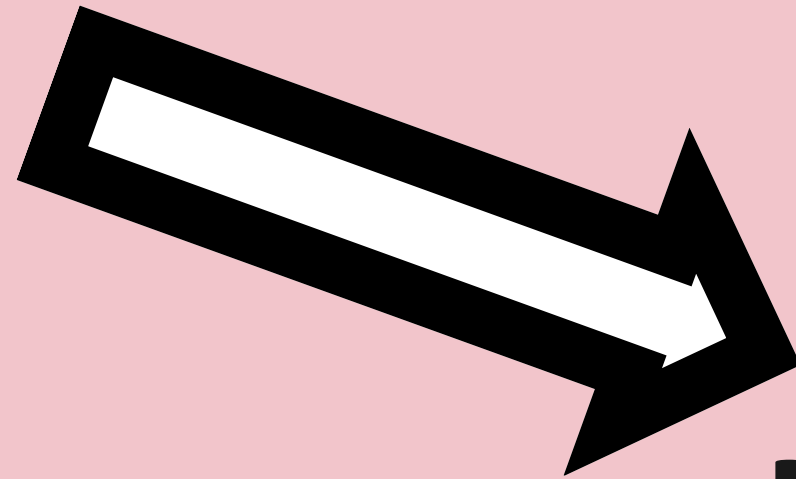
- 16 years old
- Here because his 1-3 friends are here. He has little interest in studying
- Will often come with Arjun or Indira, sometimes Arjun and Indira will turn into Malik over the course of a night
- Room hops
- Might get asked to leave for the day for disruptive behavior

Ben Johnson, the child of Emily & Mark, Settled in Suburbia, would fit this profile

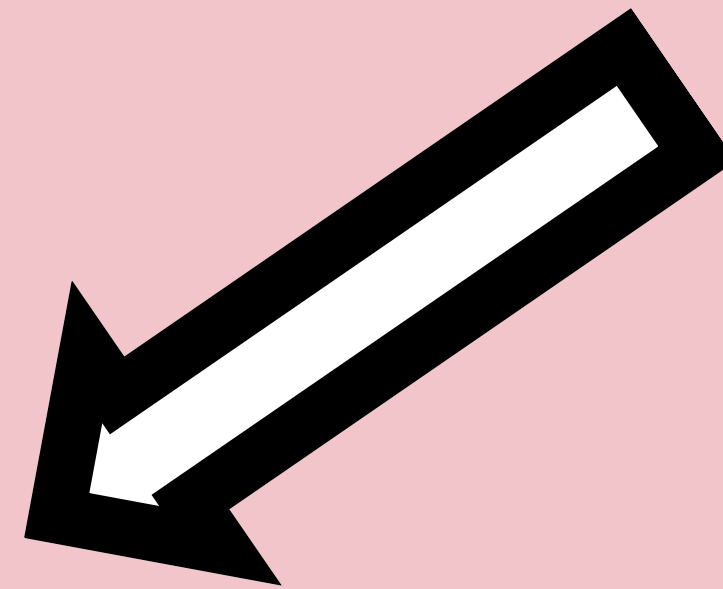
Needs

- A truly social space
- Energy redirection
- Food
- Tactile/visual stimulation

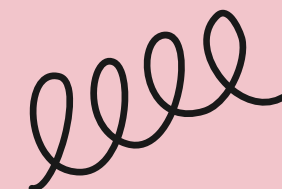
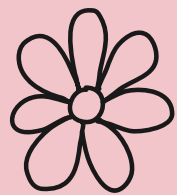
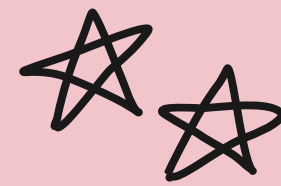
Socializing



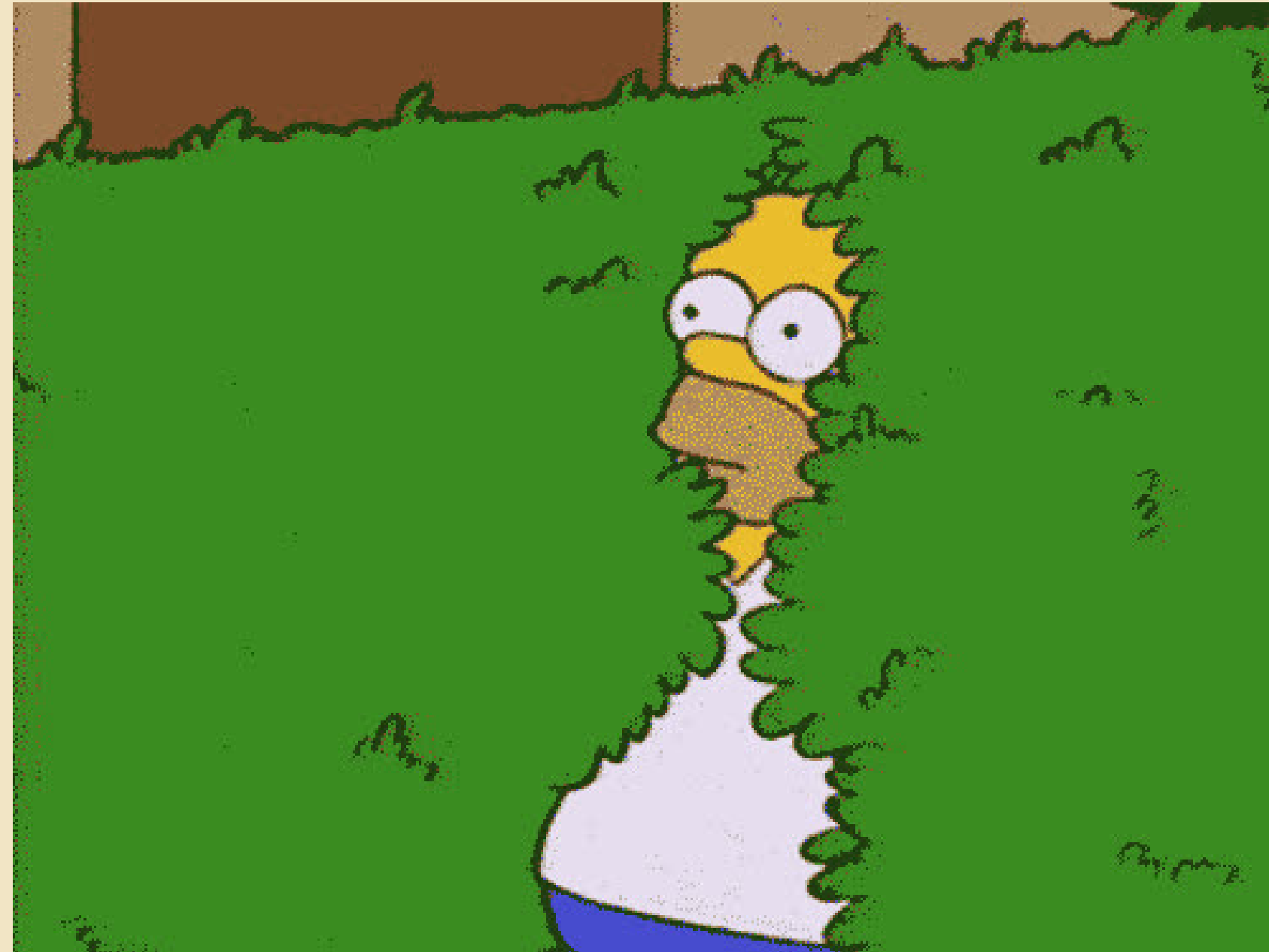
Noticing Interests



Harnessing Passions

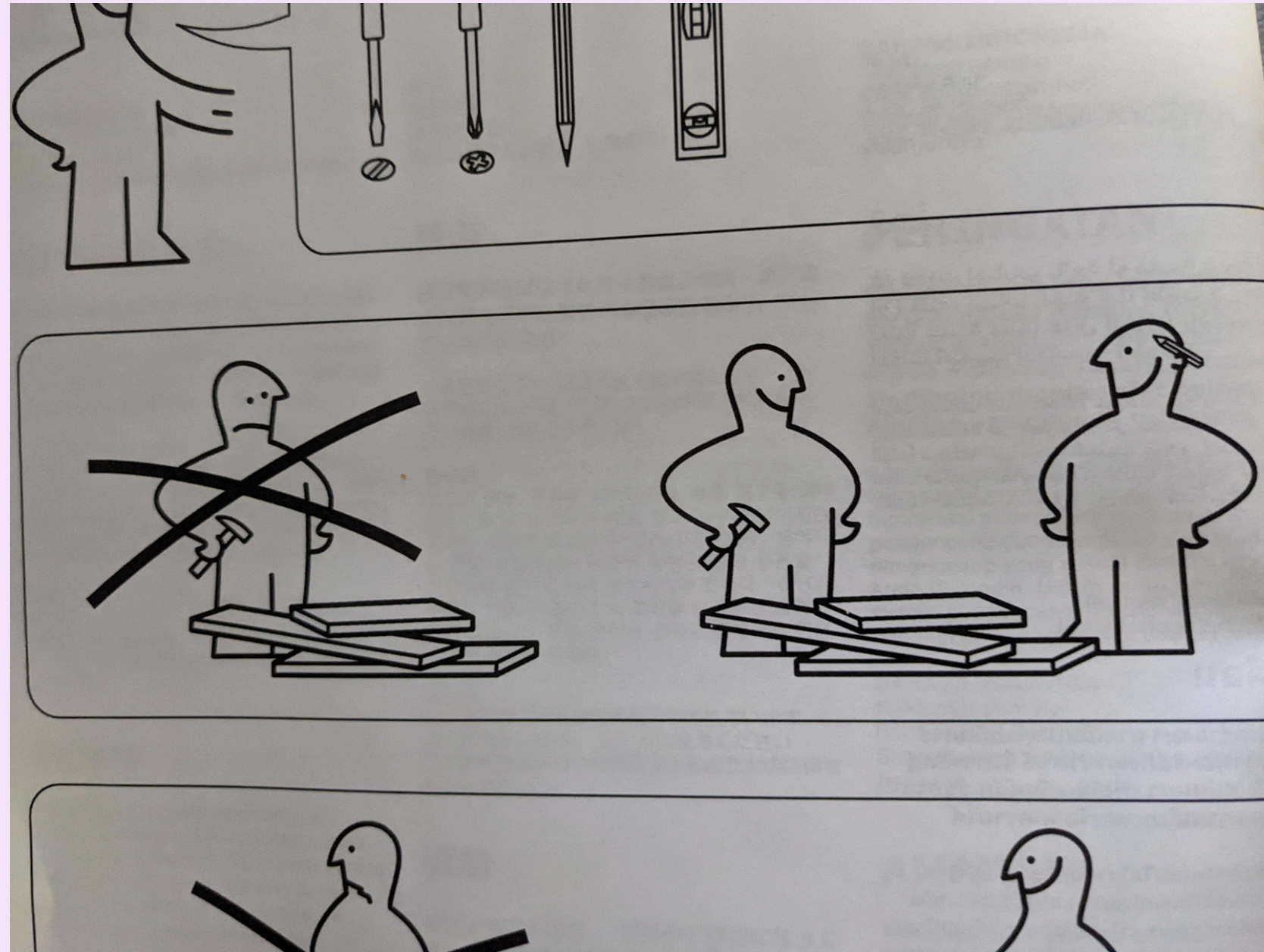


**Sometimes you aren't
meant to be part of the conversation**



But you can still note what they care about

Do Not Assemble Alone



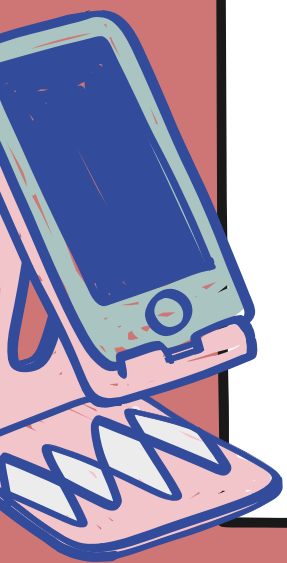
Ideas for Programming

Program Ideas

- **Talk to your staff!**
 - See what they enjoy and if they'd be willing to help you plan a program

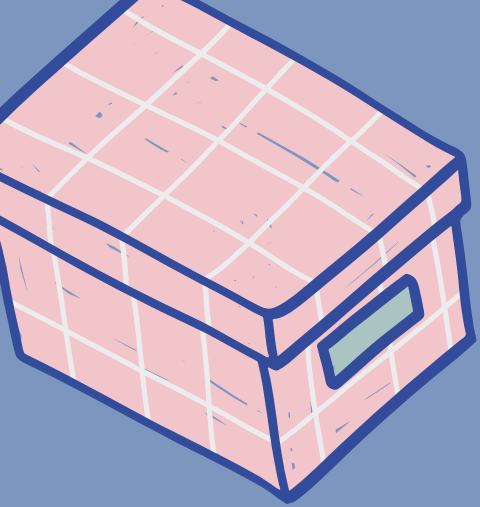
- **Passive Programs**
 - These are a great way to engage teens who are too busy or not interested in regular programs

Ask teens what they are interested in (Non-library)

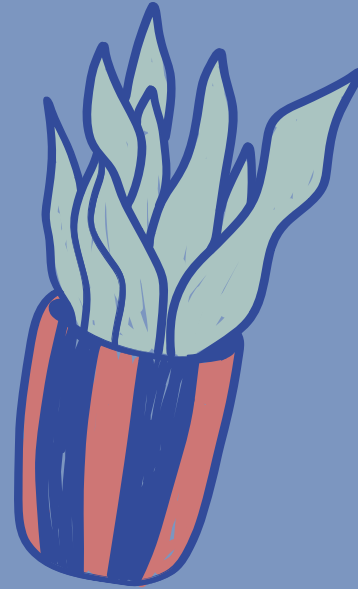
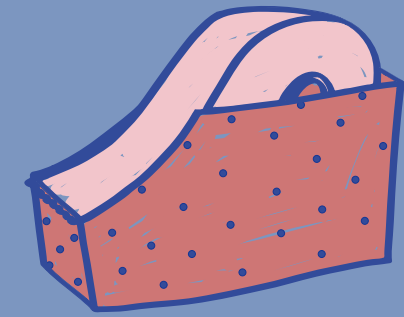


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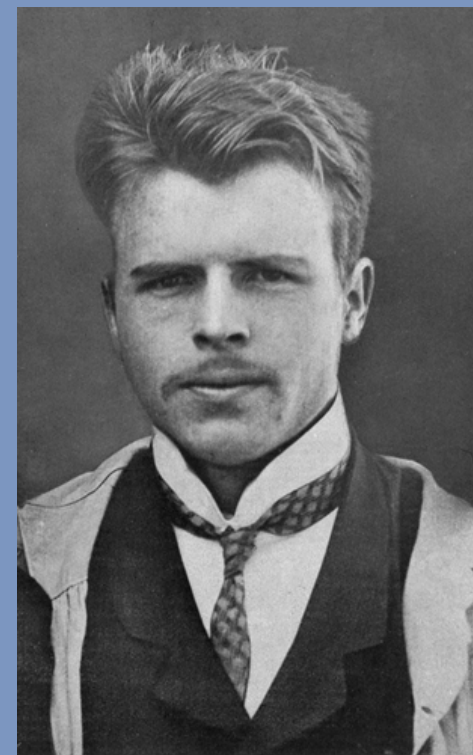
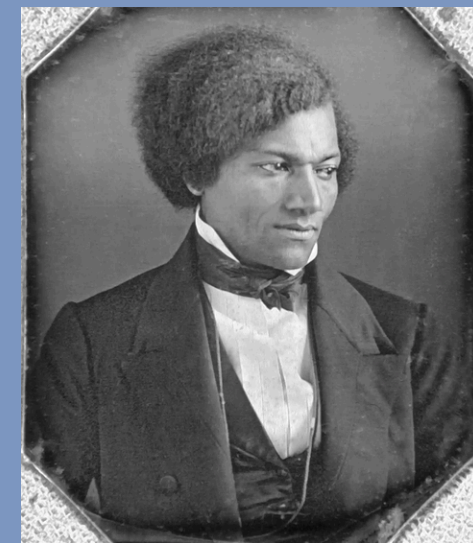
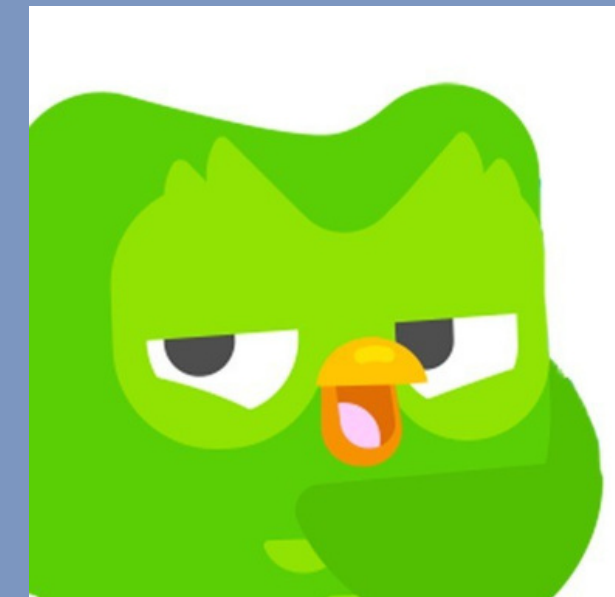


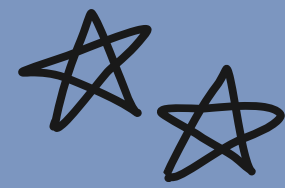


Passive activities (Not actually passive!)



- **Folder Colors**
- **Superb Owls**
- **19th Century Baddies**
- **Book Brackets**





Teen Leadership Council



- **Fun Social Outlet**
- **Job Skills (Apps & Interview)**



- **Project Management**
- **Tangible Impact on Library**
- **FUN SOCIAL OUTLET**



Bringing that TLC energy to Dearborn

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- **Dearborn teens aren't interested in a TLC program**
 - **But they love Roblox IRL**
- **Fandom Night in Makerspace**
- **Creative Crochet Collective**

What Are Your Passions?



graphic design is my passion

What are your non-book passions?

- Teens are into Grannycore hobbies right now
- If you like to crochet or color or sew bring it to your desk!



Questions?



I'M NOT A REGULAR Librarian I'M A COOL Librarian