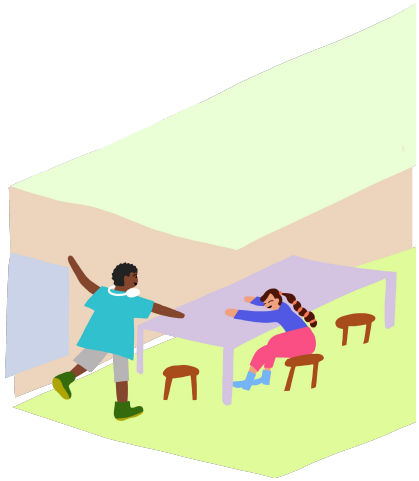
1. Let the outside in

2. Let the inside out

3. Make it cozy

4. Make it accessible



5. Let them be loud

6. Let them eat

7. Modernize resources

8. Provide relevant programming

9. Build a coalition

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1. Stimulate the senses with biophilic design and sounds for the soul.
2. Expand knowledge beyond walls and bring the library outdoors.
3. Create cozy, welcoming spaces for teens to feel at home.
4. Expand dimensions around accessibility for all library users.
5. Support solo and group activities to let teens' voices be heard.
6. Serve study snacks with affordable, healthy food and beverage options.
7. Promote learning beyond the classroom with up-to-date literary collections and resources.
8. Activate library spaces with paid work and learning opportunities and teen-led programming.
9. Build a coalition among indie, mobile, and public library systems in your neighborhood.

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