

Information for adults/educators

By owning an island in Teen Second Life (the "Eye4You Alliance" island), the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County is able to provide opportunities to develop valuable skills for self-expression in the 21st century, as well as access to special events, workshops, and programs just for teens.

Teen Second Life offers problem solving through play.

- Teen Second Life allows young people to explore skills such as simulation and role play. 3D models – not only of buildings, but ideas – can be visually constructed and made interactive. Teens can try out their ideas and learn from them if they don't work right away.
- Many teens already use online tools such as MySpace or YouTube. In Teen Second Life, they can create videos and import them into their favorite social networking sites.
- Teen Second Life is a great place for teens to learn languages other than their own by interacting with native speakers and accessing resources to practice speaking and reading in another way.
- Teens can listen to authors and other artists when they visit or when presentations are streamed in to the island. Representatives from colleges, NASA, or even Amazon.com have been present on the island to interact with teens.*

**Anyone 18 and over needs a background check to work with teens on the library's island.*

How can I share my teen's/student's Second Life experience?

The creators of Teen Second Life ask that you do not operate your child's/student's avatar, as only authorized adults are allowed on Teen Second Life. Encourage your teen/student to show you around the grid. If you have an idea for a project you would like to work on with teens/your class; email Tech Central at teched@plcmc.org, call (704) 973-2727, or visit www.libraryloft.org/socondlife.asp for more information about becoming an authorized adult.

Need more answers?

Parents can find a wealth of information and answers to frequently asked questions about Teen Second Life at <http://teen.secondlife.com/parents>.

Got an idea for a project for teens?

Why not come up with a project for the senior exit program or boy/girl scout badge? Email Tech Central at teched@plcmc.org, call 704-973-2727 or visit www.libraryloft.org for more information.



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Explore Eye4You Alliance
The Public Library's island for
teens in the virtual world
of Teen Second Life.



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What is Teen Second Life and Eye4You Alliance?

Teen Second Life is a 3D virtual world for 13-17 year olds and approved adults. Eye4You Alliance is the name of the island within this virtual world, owned by the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County (PLCMC).

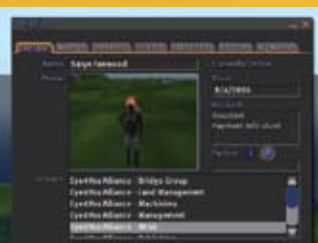
What can I do in Teen Second Life?



➡ It's about personal expression. Create your own avatar, design your own clothes and add gestures and animations to your character.



➡ Do your Senior Exit Project or earn a badge for Girl/Boy Scouts.



➡ Personalize your profile to meet people with similar interests.



➡ Become a DJ and stream music from your computer to teens from all over the world.



➡ Love photography? Render the atmosphere to create photorealistic shots and share them with your friends.

How do I get started?

SSign up for a free basic account at teen.secondlife.com from your own or any public library computer. You will need a cell phone number to complete the registration process. If you do not have a cell phone or one that is compatible, contact Tech Central at teched@plcmc.org or (704) 973-2727 to get help signing up.

Once you have an account.

Teen Second Life can be accessed from your computer once it is installed on any public computer in the Loft or Tech Central at [ImaginOn](http://ImaginOn.com). For other library branches, a laptop is necessary to access TSL. Once inworld, locate Eye4You Alliance island by searching under 'places' and click 'teleport' to get there.

➡ Be your own star and shoot machinima (animated filmmaking with a real-time virtual 3D environment) with the Second Life browser and add the video to your MySpace page.



➡ Meet approved adults (all adults need background checks to be on the teen grid) from organizations such as NASA, Amazon.com, colleges and universities, libraries, or special guest speakers including authors and musicians.



➡ Pay your library fines with Lindens! PLCMC cardholders can use the fine paying machine on the island. Touch it to find out how much you owe and pay at your convenience.



➡ Be a welcomer to show other teens around Teen Second Life, learn the computer programming language to script objects, build 3D models, and add textures.

