

Teen Friendly Stuff

Creative Purchases Ideas for Teenagers

**Note: Several vendors listed in this handout offer items & services relevant to multiple categories.*

Category	Vendors
Furniture, Lighting, Rugs	ATD American C. & High Point Furniture - www.atdgsa.com BJs Wholesale - www.bjs.com or Costco - www.costco.com Bola - bolafurniture.com Brayton International - www.brayton.com Bretford - www.bretford.com David Edward - www.davidedward.com Decorative & Area Rugs - www.decorativeandarearugs.com Demco - www.demco.com Eurway - eurway.com Freecycle.org - freecycle.org Gifts in Kind International - www.giftsinkind.org Goodmans - www.goodmansinc.com/products.html Gressco Ltd. - www.gresscoltd.com Home Decorators - homedecorators.com Home Depot – www.lowes.com IKEA - www.ikea.com Jasper Seating Company, Inc. - jasperseating.com Klein Design - www.kleindesign.com Kron USA - www.kronusa.com Lowe’s – www.lowes.com Martin Bratrud - www.martinbratrud.com Metro Furniture - www.metrofurniture.com/home.html Pottery Barn Teen – pbteen.com Wesnic Furniture – wesnic.com Rugs Rugs – rugsrugs.com Sam’s Club – www.samsclub.com Target – www.target.com This into That – www.thisintothat.com Turnstone Furniture - www.turnstonefurniture.com/index.htm
Fixtures, Accessories, Merchandising Materials, Signage,	All Posters - allposters.com Art Supplies Hanging Systems - www.arts-supplies.net Brodart – www.brodart.com Creative Arts Unlimited, Inc. - www.creativeartsinc.com Franklin Fixtures – www.franklinfixtures.com Greatest Posters - www.greatest-posters.com Highsmith – www.highsmith.com JD Pacific Rim, Inc. – www.jdstore.com Lifesize Celebrity Cutouts - cardboardcutouts.com Magnetic Poetry - magneticpoetry.com Mannequinland - www.mannequinland.com MJ Industries - www.mjshelving.com Siegel Display Products – www.siegeldisplay.com Specialty Store Services – www.specstoreserv.com Ten Speed Press - www.tenspeedpress.com/catalog/posters Video Store Shopper – www.shopperinc.com
Giveaways / Prizes	Apple Computer, Inc. (ipods, music) www.apple.com/itunes

	<p>Archie McPhee – www.archiemcphree.com Branders.com - www.branders.com Cool Stuff Cheap - coolstuffcheap.com Incredible Gifts - www.incrediblegifts.com Northern Sun Merchandising – www.northernsun.com Raymond Geddes - www.geddes-schools.com Rhode Island Novelty - www.rinovelty.com U.S. Toy Company - www.ustoy.com</p> <p>*See Mid-Hudson Library System for more giveaway ideas: http://midhudson.org/department/youth/Novelty_Companies.htm</p>
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Purchasing Tips:

- Don't make assumptions. Ask teens what they like & want before making purchases.
- Work with vendors who consider teen needs and likes.
- Work with architects and designers who don't assume they know what teens want. Choose someone who is open to working with teens and listening to their ideas and input.
- Buy furniture, fixtures & accessories that incorporate color, comfort, and unique design elements.
- Remember that "teen character" comes in many shapes and sizes, just as teens themselves.
- Make age appropriate purchases. Many furniture, fixture, and accessory vendors pitch teen products that are too juvenile and not really teen-friendly at all.
- When talking to vendors at library conferences, tell them what you're looking for – interesting, fun, flexible, durable, teen-friendly products. If vendors don't have what you want, give them direction and tell them your needs and ideas. Give them input!

Architects & Designers:

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| • Creative Arts Unlimited, Inc. - Roger Barganier | www.creativeartsinc.com |
| • Herbert S Newman and Partners - Gwen Emory | www.hsnparch.com |
| • Hidell Associates Architects - William Hidell | www.hidell.com |
| • Meehan Architects - Dan Meehan & Catherine Grey | www.meehanarchitects.net |
| • Prince Alexander Architects - Steve Alexander | www.princealexander.com |
| • Studio Techne Architects - Marc Ciccarelli & Heather Schmucker | www.technearchitects.com |
| • Toppe Consultants, Inc. - John Toppe | john@toppearchitects.com |
| • Tracy Lobdell Yngstrom with JS McHugh | tlobdell@jismchugh.com |

For additional suggestions and information on teen-friendly vendors, architects, and designers, please contact Kim Bolan at bolan_kimberly@yahoo.com

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