



**Mission Statement:** The Mission of the Ben Hill County Library Teen Advisory Council of Students (T.A.C.O.S) is to encourage middle school and high school aged students to become life-long library users through the promotion of reading, volunteerism, and participation in the library, and to assist the library both in developing and implementing programs which serve local teens.

**What is T.A.C.O.S?** T.A.C.O.S meet with the teen programming assistant on a monthly basis during the school year to brainstorm ideas and provide feedback about teen library programs, materials, and to sign up for ongoing volunteer opportunities.

This T.A.C.O.S' tasks include:

- Spreading the word about programs and services for teens at the library.
- Sharing your ideas at monthly T.A.C.O.S meetings.
- Helping create library displays.
- Volunteering at library programs such as our children's Christmas and Dr. Seuss Birthday programs.
- And much more...

**Benefits of Membership:**

- Opportunity to provide input for library decisions related to teens.
- Members will develop leadership skills.
- Members receive volunteer service credit.
- Participation can be listed on job, scholarship, and college applications.
- First to know about any new technology offered at their local library.

**Ben Hill County Library T.A.C.O.S Guidelines:**

- Meetings begin on time.
- Sign in and out of meetings to record volunteer hours.
- Members will keep teen advisors informed of any changes made.
- Members will adhere to a no-tolerance drug/alcohol policy.
- Members will inform teen advisors if they decide to resign from T.A.C.O.S membership.
- Be an advocate. Promote reading and library use!