

Pratt Discord Server: Frequently Asked Questions for Parents

Hello! My name is Paolo Jasa, and I am a YA librarian from the Enoch Pratt Free Library. This document is here to answer some frequently asked questions about the Discord app and your teens.

What is Discord?

- Discord is a free app that allows users to communicate via text, voice or video in real time, and is available as a mobile app, a PC program or on any web browser.
- Users can join “servers” where they can communicate through text in a “text channel” or through video or voice chat through “voice channels”.
- It was initially marketed as a communications platform for people who play video games, but now has grown to become its own social media-like digital hang-out platform.

Is Discord safe?

- Much like any other social media platform, Discord as a program is about as safe as it can be set. There is always a risk when using anything on the internet, but Discord has several safety settings in the platform, including content and privacy filters, that ensure users can use the platform safely.
- Generally, it's suggested to use the platform to communicate with people that your teens already know offline and to join servers that you trust.

How is the Enoch Pratt Free Library using Discord?

- The Enoch Pratt Free Library is using Discord as a digital hang-out space and to provide virtual programming for teens in a curated and well-moderated virtual space.
- The server may be public, but it is constantly monitored by Pratt's librarians, and has safety measures in place to ensure that the server is as safe as possible at all times.
- Under Discord's Terms of Service, all users must be “13 years of age and the minimum age of digital consent in your country,” so parents/guardians must register their children under their accounts and be under their supervision when they are on the server.

Further Reading:

- *Parents' Ultimate Guide to Discord* by Common Sense Media:
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-discord>
- *Parent's Guide to Discord* by Discord:
<https://blog.discord.com/parents-guide-to-discord-c77d91793e9c>

- Discord Community Guidelines: <https://discord.com/guidelines>
- And as always, your local teen librarian can help you answer any other question you may have about Discord.

Pratt Discord Server: Frequently Asked Questions for Teens

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What is Discord?

- Discord is a safe, virtual space where you can hang out online with your favorite librarians. Think of it as the library on your computer or phone!

Is Discord safe?

- There's a lot of security and privacy settings on Discord as an app, so we suggest checking those out with a trusted adult before going into a server.

Why should I join the Pratt Discord Server?

- The Pratt Discord Server is where a lot of us librarians will be hosting our Summer Challenge programs, and where you can interact with your local librarian and friends from the library!
- Think of all the activities you can do in the library, but online!

What's there to do here?

- Glad you asked! Here are some of the programs happening this summer~!
 - Art Live-Streams
 - Book Discussions
 - D&D Discussions and Campaigns
 - Arts and Crafts
 - Video Game Tournaments