



Library Services for Minors Policy

The Oldham County Public Library will not restrict the access of minors to any printed library material based on the content of those materials nor will any library service be denied any library patron solely on the basis of the age of that patron.

Anyone under eighteen (18) years of age who applies for a Juvenile Library Card at any library in the Oldham County Public Library system must have their age and the signature of their parent or guardian on the library card application. The parent or guardian signing the library card application is agreeing to the stipulation printed on the application, and on the library card, that they will be responsible for the suitability of contents of any materials checked out to that minor as well as for the prompt return of those materials in good condition.

Under certain circumstances, minors may apply for a Temporary Library Card, which does not require an adult signature. The Temporary Library Card is active for six months and will allow the minor to have five print items check out at any given time. The juvenile or their caregiver will not be penalized for fines associated with a Temporary Card. At the expiration of six months an adult must present themselves to sign for the minor to have a Juvenile Library Card or there must be convincing extenuating circumstances.

After the minor patron is issued a library card, he/she will have access to all library materials and services except such library materials and services which are restricted due to special circumstances pertaining to the nature of the materials and/or service (see Restricted Materials Policy).

This policy is based on the Library Bill of Rights, an Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights and the Free Access to Libraries for Minors adopted by the American Library Association. These documents are attached to and form a part of this policy.

This policy becomes effective on 11/21/2019 and replaces any previous policy written or implied. The Board of Trustees of the Library reserves the right to amend, alter or revoke this policy if it is deemed necessary and desirable to do so.

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President, Board of Trustees

Date