



# Hortonville Public Library

## Policy on Juvenile Patron Cards

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The Hortonville Public Library welcomes patrons of all ages and strives to encourage use and respect of libraries among its juvenile patrons. The Library also strives to foster a strong relationship with the nearby Hortonville School District and local parochial schools and acknowledges that a significant number of its patrons are students at these schools who visit the library with or without a parent/guardian after school.

The Library maintains that in order to establish a standard library card with privileges as approved by a parent for a juvenile patron, the parent must be present to enter their electronic signature into the database and in doing so assume responsibility for any lost or damaged items, give express permission for the juvenile patron's use of the library card, and verify through a form of identification and/or proof of address that the patron's contact information is accurate.

However, the Library wishes to foster a welcoming atmosphere for juvenile patrons and grant those patrons whose parents are unable to visit the library with them to establish a library card to have access to some of the Library's services. Therefore, the Library may, at the Director's discretion, issue a library card to juvenile patrons with limited privileges until such time as the patron's parent/guardian is able to visit the library to provide an electronic signature. The limited privileges attached to this card are thus:

- The juvenile patron must be over the age of six (6), in accordance with the Library's unattended child policy.
- The juvenile patron will not be granted Internet privileges and may not check out movies.
- The juvenile patron may only check out one (1) item at a time.
- The juvenile patron may only check out items which are the property of the Hortonville Public Library. They will not be permitted to check out items belonging to other OWLS libraries.
- The juvenile patron may not place holds.

These privileges are designed to allow the juvenile patron to enjoy the Library's resources at minimal risk to the Library's materials, no risk to other OWLS libraries' materials, and with deference to the right of the patron's parent/guardian to determine what audiovisual entertainment they deem appropriate for their child to access.

At any time after the creation of the limited library card, the juvenile patron's parent/guardian may in person provide their electronic signature to the Library and at that time the limitations on the library card will be lifted with the exception of any limitations which the parent/guardian deems appropriate and which the Library is authorized to maintain.

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