

NEWS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S LIBRARY CARD!

Dear Parent,

On March 1, 2010, juvenile borrowers (children under 18) will be able to check out videos, DVDs, and video games from the Deerfield Public Library WITHOUT needing a parental permission slip to be on file. This means that current video, DVD, and game restrictions on your child's card will automatically be lifted on March 1.

If you would like to restrict your child from borrowing videos, DVDs, and video games please fill out the attached form and return it to the Circulation desk. If you mail or fax this form to the Library, please send it to the attention of Matt Warnock, Head of Circulation. The Juvenile Video/DVD and Video Game Permission form is also available at the Library and on the Library's web site, www.deerfieldlibrary.org. Although this policy goes into effect on March 1, you may submit this form at any time before or after this date.

Previously, all minors were restricted from borrowing movies or games unless a parent signed a permission slip allowing them to do so. The Deerfield Public Library Board recently voted to make the Library's circulation policy for videos, DVDs, and video games consistent with that for other materials.

Unrestricted borrowing means that a child may borrow ANY video, DVD, or video game regardless of rating. This includes movies rated G through R by the MPAA, movies not rated by the MPAA, and video games rates E through M by the ESRB, and games not rated by the ESRB.

Parents and legal guardians assume full responsibility for the return, damage, fees, or fines of materials loaned and hold the Deerfield Public Library harmless from the loan of any materials.

We understand that a common concern regarding audiovisual items is making sure that items are returned on time. Our new drive-up drop boxes allow easy return of all Library materials at any time of day or night. Our new online catalog allows you to view all items that are checked out on a specific Library card and to receive email reminders about due dates.

We appreciate the time that you and your family spend visiting the Library and reading, watching, and playing the items you borrow. This new policy reflects our mission to provide the community with open access to the world of information and ideas, encouraging lifelong learning and personal growth in a welcoming environment. Let us know how we're doing!

Sincerely,

Mary Pergander
Library Director