

Youth Library Card Info

How old do you have to be to get a library card?

- A child of any age can get a library card, and must be a Rye resident or go to school in Rye.
- A child under the age of 14 needs to have a parent signature on their membership application. All children, regardless of age, must provide proof of residency or school ID. A parent or local teacher who is present can show proof of residency or ID.
- Parents of children under the age of 14 are granted access to the child's library card when they sign the library card application. If parents or responsible parties would like to grant absolute privacy to the child, they should indicate that on the application.

Does my child have to be a certain age to be in the library alone?

- Children under the age of 8 **MUST** have a parent or guardian in the same room.

What if my child checks out something I don't approve of?

- We do not partake in censorship under any circumstances. If a child wishes to check out an item, we will always allow them to do so. It is your responsibility to speak with your child and help them use the library according to your household's rules.

Why can't the library tell a parent or responsible party any information about the child?

- This could be for a couple reasons:
 - Parents or responsible parties have granted privacy to a child under 14.
 - The cardholder is over the age of 14 and is not required to list a responsible party on their account.
- Part of the RPL's job is to protect patrons' rights to privacy. We follow our policies to ensure this.

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