

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## CHANGE TO LIBRARY MATERIALS ACCESS FOR MINOR PATRONS

*In order to comply with Louisiana Revised Statute 25:225, the Lincoln Parish Library Board has adopted the following policies that will take effect upon opening the Library on Saturday, June 1, 2024.*

**1. Digital Content Sources:** Effective June 1, 2024, no minor patrons will be allowed to check out digital content unless the minor patron's parent/guardian has informed the Library that the minor patron has the parent/guardian's permission to check out any digital content offered by the Library. Prior of May 1, 2024, the Library shall inform all parents/guardians of minor patrons of this policy and the Library shall provide appropriate forms for the parents/guardians to communicate their instructions to the Library consistent with this policy.

**2. Sexually explicit materials:** Effective June 1, 2024, no minor patrons will be allowed to check out non-digital material that has been declared by the Library Board of Control, pursuant to the Request for Reconsideration Policy, to be "sexually explicit" as defined by LA RS 25:225 unless: a. The minor patron's parent/guardian has informed the Library that the minor patron has the parent/guardian's permission to check out non-digital material that has been declared by the Library Board of Control, pursuant to the Request for Reconsideration Policy, to be "sexually explicit" as defined by LA RS 25:225. b. The minor patron's parent/guardian has informed the Library that the minor patron may check out, on a case-by-case basis, specific non-digital content material. Prior of May 1, 2024, the Library shall inform all parents/guardians of minor patrons of this policy and the Library shall provide appropriate forms to communicate their instructions to the Library consistent with this policy.

### What this means for minor card holders.

- Cards for all currently and newly registered minors (under 18 years old) are limited by default to check out items from their corresponding age groups (children and/or teen sections). These are defined in the library catalog and by physical library locations. Minors may not check out items from any adult section or have access to any digital library collections or databases.
- Parents and/or guardians, who are in a linked account with the minor, may opt-out of this default restricted card for minors at any time by adding a signature of acknowledgement to their child's patron record converting it to a Teens Plus and/or Children Plus card.
- For emancipated minors, a parent or guardian's permission will not be required to attain a library card.

### **Minor Patron types:**

- Teens: Ages 13-17 with restrictions to materials in the Teen and Children's collections
- Teens Plus: Ages 13-17 with full access to all library materials, per parental approval
- Children: Birth through age 12 with restriction to materials in the Children's collections
- Children Plus: Ages Birth through age 12 with full access to all library materials, per parental approval