

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

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Section: Youth Services

Subject: PROVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES

SUMMARY

The purpose of this document is to describe the mission and range of Youth Services, and to distinguish library and parental responsibilities in regard to children's interactions with library staff and library materials.

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GUARANTEE OF ACCESS

a. All services, materials and library privileges available within the Johnson County Library are accessible to all patrons, regardless of origin, age, background or views.

Parent's Role

It is the parents or guardians -- and only the parents or guardians -- who may restrict their children -- and only their children -- from access to library materials and services. The Library and its staff are responsible for providing equal access to library materials and services for all library users. Consistent with this, the library requires children under sixteen years of age to obtain a parent's or guardian's signature on their library card application.

TYPES OF SERVICE

b. The Johnson County Library provides library services, programs and materials to accommodate varying levels of intellectual development among youth. These services and materials may be available at all Library facilities.

PROMOTION OF READING

c. The mission of the Johnson County Library is to provide access to ideas, information, experiences, and materials that support and enrich people's lives. To fulfill this role, programs aimed at youth of all ages will be offered. The Library promotes reading, learning, and self-enrichment through services for children and teens and for adults working with children and teens, and works towards introducing young persons of all ages to a wide range of materials, formats and experiences.

MATERIAL
ABOUT
CHILDREN

d. The Library provides programming and materials, for adults concerned with children, on reading readiness, cultural awareness, parenting, child care, and child development and other youth-related issues.

COOPERATIVE
ACTIVITIES

e. The Library participates in ongoing cooperation with other child- and teen-oriented agencies in the community and provides outreach services to schools, childcare facilities and other group settings where children and teens are unable to come to the library.

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