WHY SHOULD MY CHILD SIGN UP FOR A LIBRARY CARD?

A free Summit County library card is the key to all the fun and resources the library has to offer.

MY CHILD IS UNDER 18, HOW DO WE GET STARTED?

1) As the parent or guardian, you must come into the library with your child to complete the library card application.

2) Complete and sign the attached agreement and give it to a librarian.

3) You are agreeing to accept responsibility for all charges associated with your child’s card.

Your child is eligible for their own library card if you, as the parent or guardian, provide documentation that you are one of the following:

- Summit County Residents and/or Property Owners.
- Living in the county
- Non-Residents Employed in Summit County

Acceptable documentation:

1. Driver’s license
2. Property tax receipt
3. Vehicle registration
4. Rent receipt
5. Utility bill
6. Lease agreement, mortgage, or deed of trust
7. Local pay stub
8. Check book
9. Bank statement
11. Voter registration
12. CMC Student ID
13. Homeowner’s insurance
14. Letter from employer or employee ID (Vail Resorts employee ID)
USE OF THE LIBRARY BY CHILDREN

Summit County Library welcomes Library use by children and strives to create a safe and comfortable environment for visitors of all ages. The Library offers many programs and services that encourage children to develop a love of books, reading, and learning. Staff members are available to assist children with Library materials or services.

- Parents, guardians, and caregivers should be aware of Library opening and closing times and Library program times and make suitable arrangements to meet and/or transport their children.
- If a child is not picked up by a parent at the closing time of the library, a staff member will attempt to contact the parent or guardian. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached, staff will call the non-emergency Police number and ask to have the child picked up.
- Library staff will not transport children home or to any other destination under any circumstances.
- Library staff are not responsible for children traveling to or from the Library.
- The Library is not equipped, and it is not the Library’s role, to provide long or short-term child care.
- Parents and caregivers are reminded that unattended children may be at risk in any public place including all branch libraries of the Summit County Library.
- For the safety and comfort of children under the age of seven, a responsible person not less than 16 years of age must accompany children while they are using the Library or on Library property.
- While in the Library, parents and caregivers are responsible for monitoring and regulating the behavior of their children.
- Everyone must comply with the Rules Governing Use of the Library. If problems persist with a child’s conduct, a parent/guardian must meet with the Patron Services Lead and the child may lose the privilege to visit the library unattended.
- The Children’s area of the Library is specifically designed to serve the needs of young customers. Adults in the Children’s area, not accompanying a child, may be asked to leave the Children’s area and use other parts of the Library.
- Parents are reminded that they are responsible for supervising their children’s access to Library materials and resources, including the Internet. While the staff members are always available to lead young people to materials selected with children’s interests and needs in mind, Library Staff cannot restrict children’s access to materials beyond those restrictions imposed pursuant to the Library’s internet policy.

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Before getting a child their own library card, we ask that parents and caregivers carefully consider the following:

The Library provides a wide variety of materials representing many points of view on topics of interest to the community. The Library encourages parents to talk with children about their use of the Library and choice of materials.

According to Colorado Library Law, (Section 24-90-119), Summit County Library recognizes the privacy of all library users, including children. With limited exceptions, Library staff may not disclose what is checked out on a child’s Library card to anyone other than the child. These exceptions include:

- When necessary for the reasonable operation of the library
- Upon written consent of the user
- Pursuant to a subpoena, upon court order, or where otherwise requested by law
- To a custodial parent or legal guardian who has access to the minor child’s Library card or authorization number, the parent may individually review the account in question.

A child under the age of eighteen (18) must have a parent’s or guardian’s signature to get a library card. By signing the application for a Library card, the parent or guardian agrees to be financially responsible for charges on that card. The child’s card will be blocked when fines reach a maximum of $5.00.