

# Changes in Loaning AV Materials to Minors

After a public information meeting on September 8, 2011, the DeWitt District Library Board of Trustees voted to institute operational changes in the loaning of AV materials to minors.

Previous DeWitt District Library policy permitted parents/guardians to restrict their children's ability to check out DVDs that are PG-13 or R rated. This restriction has been supervised by library staff at check-out. The new self-check system, which is slated to be installed the first week in November, will not have the capability to monitor this restriction.

This change in policy will be effective October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will bring DDL policy into alignment with the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights regarding access for children and young adults to non-print materials.

"The Library Board of Trustees' and I are committed to maintaining a library which is a safe and friendly place for children and their families. We believe that the appropriateness of materials children select for check out is a private matter best handled between parent and child." states Library Director Jennifer Balcom.



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