

Camden County Library District Policy Manual

Section 2. Operating Policies. Subsection 27. Programs Policy

The Camden County Library District provides public programs on a variety of topics for a variety of audiences. To comply with Missouri Regulation 15 CSR 30-200.015, the district will give suggested age ranges on programs. Some programs may have specific age requirements. Some programs may not be appropriate for younger audiences, but in keeping with non-loco parentis, it is up to a parent/guardian to decide what is appropriate for their child. Unaccompanied minors may be barred by staff from attending some programs due to their content.

In compliance with 15 CSR 30-200.015, any parent or guardian of a minor within the library district may dispute or challenge the library's age-appropriate designation affixed to any presentation or event sponsored by the Library District. Outside groups must affix an age range to any advertisement for their events held in library facilities or on library property. Challenges to events by outside groups using library facilities or property must be taken to the outside group, as the Library District may not bar groups from using library facilities due to content due to 1st Amendment considerations. Outside groups must comply with all library policies, local, Missouri, and Federal laws.

Challenges to the age-appropriateness of library-sponsored programs or events must be submitted on the form provided. The form must be filled out in full to be accepted. Challenges are then given to the Board of Library Trustees at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Challenges to library programs become a part of the public record and are not subject to library privacy laws. The results of the challenges will be published on the library website to comply with 15 CSR 30-200.015.

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