

Circulation Policy No. 17

Subject: Equal Access to Materials

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The West Bloomfield Township Public Library endorses the Library Bill of Rights, which states, "a person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background or views." The "right to use a library" includes free access to, and unrestricted use of all the services, materials, and facilities the library has to offer. The Library also endorses the American Library Association's Free Access to Libraries for Minors; An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights Statement (see Attachment E). As that document states, "the responsibility and the right of all parents and guardians to guide their own children's use of the library and its resources and services. Parents and guardians who do not want their children to have access to specific library services, materials, or facilities should so advise their own children." It is not the responsibility of the Library or its staff to act *in loco parentis*. It is the responsibility of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library and its staff to provide equal access to library materials and services for all library users.