

YOUTH LIBRARY CARDS

WHY OFFER A YOUTH LIBRARY CARD OPTION?

Gives access to the library to minors who may not otherwise be able to get a library card

- Gives a temporary solution to minors who need items but do not have a parent/legal guardian present at the time
- Students who cannot regularly get to the library can still benefit from the library's digital collection and online resources
- Allows us to provide a better solution for exchange students who wish to use our library
- Benefits outweigh the risk: only allowed 3 items on their card at a time so they must return items to check out more items
- It is becoming increasingly more common at libraries, including neighboring libraries

POLICY:

3.10.1.7 Youth Library Cards

Children (ages 5-17) who do not have a library card, nor have a co-signer to help them acquire a library card, will be eligible for a youth library card at the Georgetown Township Public Library.

Youth cards will allow access to all of the Georgetown Library's physical and digital collection as well as use of the library computers (in compliance with our Internet Use Policy) and online databases. This card is valid only at the Georgetown Township Public Library; interlibrary loan is not available. Youth cards allow only books to be checked out, and children can check out a maximum of 3 books at a time. Youth cards have a one year expiration date; cards can be renewed with proof of school enrollment and current local address. Student cards do not require an adult co-signer; accounts can be cancelled by a parent or guardian at any time.

A youth card can be upgraded to a full-service card at any time when the library obtains the signature and driver's license number of an adult willing to accept financial responsibility, or when the cardholder reaches 18 years of age and can produce a valid picture ID.