

# CUSTOMER POLICIES

## ACCESS TO LIBRARY MATERIAL AND SERVICES

### Board Policy:

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Embracing the philosophy of “Open to All,” Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) affirms the individual rights of customers to free and open access to library materials and services. CML utilizes the guidelines set forth in the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights and its supporting documents as a foundation for this philosophy of access.

A library card issued by CML provides the widest possible access to library materials and services for customers. CML customers are encouraged to obtain a library card in order to access library materials and services.

At no time will library staff members be called upon to judge what is appropriate for any customer, including minor customers. Parents and guardians of minors have the responsibility to guide their children, and only their children, in the access, circulation and use of library materials.

If a parent or guardian desires to restrict the ability of their child to borrow R-rated movies, they may indicate this desire at the time of registration.

### Related Policies/Forms:

- Cardholder Registrations and Account Access
- Exhibits
- Free Materials and Community Information
- Internet Access
- Materials Selection
- Programs