



# SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY

Bonnie A. Katz, Director of Library Services

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased that your child has requested a library card from the Solano County Library. Obtaining a library card is an important stage of growth for most young people. We hope that this is the beginning of a long and friendly relationship between your child and the library.

Since this is a "contract" with a minor, we do require your signature to finish the registration. It is important that you understand that in signing you accept financial responsibility for any materials checked out on the card.

With this card your child has access to the resources of our library. The library staff will not restrict the child's choice of books or use of other library materials. It is our policy to serve people of all ages with a broad selection of library materials to satisfy the informational needs of citizens of Solano County. The Library also offers access to the Internet and the wealth of information available through the World Wide Web.

Public Internet computers at the Library are equipped with commercial filtering software. The Library's filtering policy's aim is to ensure that our libraries are safe and welcoming places for children and to affirm the right and responsibility of parents to make choices for their own children.

This policy reflects standard library practice as defined by the American Library Association in the Library Bill of Rights. One of the tenets of this document states that "A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background or views." The entire Bill of Rights has been a policy of the Solano County Library since its adoption by the Board of Supervisors on January 4, 2000.

Libraries contain some printed and audiovisual materials which some parents occasionally find objectionable or inappropriate for their children. Because our staff does not monitor the choices a child makes, we suggest that you may wish to be aware of what materials your child borrows from the library, as well as your child's usage of the Internet. The responsibility for any restrictions on a child's borrowing or research privileges rests with the parent or guardian.

We look forward to many years of service to your family in meeting your reading and information needs.

Sincerely,

Bonnie A. Katz  
Director of Library Services

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As a parent/legal guardian, I agree to be responsible for my child's reading and viewing material.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

(Applicants under 18 must have parent/legal guardian signature here)

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