



Parents' Guide to Orem Public Library

Thank you for encouraging your child to use the library! We believe it is essential that you take an active role in your child's library experience.

You decide if your child gets a library card

Children ages 5–17 may obtain a library card with a parent or guardian in attendance to sign the application. Parents must have an active Orem Library account in good standing and show photo identification to get a card for their child.

You have responsibilities

By signing the library card application, you accept full financial responsibility for returning borrowed items on time and in good condition. Be aware that any unpaid fees or fines incurred on your child's card will be transferred to your card once the child turns 18.

With your signature, you also acknowledge that your child will have access to a wide variety of resources. The library organizes material by intended audience in children's, teen, and adult sections, and consults outside entities for content ratings (MPAA, ESRB, etc). However, not all items have content ratings, and not every item is suitable for every patron. Ultimately, it is up to you to decide what is best for your child.

With a child's library card, you can:

Use any of the computers in the library for filtered internet access
Access our digital library, which includes online databases, e-books, video streaming, music, & more
Browse and check out anything in the library, with the exception of R-rated movies and mature content video games

With a child's library card, you cannot:

Check out R-rated movies
Check out mature content video games

Note: The library offers cards for minors that allow children to check out materials but does not allow them to have internet access on library computers. To obtain this card, speak to staff at the front desk.

Monitor your child's library account

[Click here](#) to access your child's library account, then log in with their library card number and PIN. If you don't know the PIN, [contact us](#). When you log in to your child's account, you will be able to see what they have checked out, when items are due, and if any items are overdue. You can also place items on hold, cancel holds, and pay late fees.



Link your child's account to yours

If you wish, you can link your child's account to your own. Your library card will function as the primary account and you will be able to monitor your child's card activity. All linked account fines can be paid online on Aspen Discovery (using a computer browser), but not on Aspen Lida (the library catalog app). For more information about linking accounts, [click here](#).

Take an active role

- Visit the library often and help your child choose what to borrow.
- Keep your child's library card number and PIN in a handy place.
- Designate a special place in your home for library materials.
- Get overdue notices, hold notices, and due date reminders by text/email.
- Maintain direct supervision of your child in the library. Your child's exposure to the library's art, collections, and programs is at your discretion.
- If you need help finding a suitable book for your child, ask a librarian or find recommendations and professional reviews on [Novelist](#) (login with library barcode and PIN).
- Help your child fill out [item request forms](#) and add to the library collection.
- Help your child place holds on books they want to read.
- [Check out our calendar](#) and attend library programs together.
- Learn about libraries as forums of ideas by exploring the [Library Bill of Rights](#).

Please note: All non-resident library cards are designated adult library cards with adult patron privileges. It is at the parent's discretion if they choose to allow minor children use of these cards.