

## Parent and Caregivers' Guide to LIBRARY MATERIALS

With 150,000+ books in our physical collection, the process of picking out titles for your child may seem overwhelming. We hope this document helps you find the books that are right for your family. If you have any questions about the collection, a specific title, or any part of the library, please ask! The library staff is here to help.

### Sections of the Library

Our library collection is divided into different sections to help patrons find material.

#### Easy (E)

This designation is for picture books. It's where you'll find titles like *Pete the Cat* and *Bluey*. (There are even books about things other than animals!)

#### Board Books (EBB)

This designation is for short picture books with few words and thick pages that make it easier for little fingers to use. These books include titles from Leslie Patricelli and Karen Katz. You will find these books on the "cube displays" in the children's play area.

#### I Can Read (ICR)

Here you will find books designed to help children learn to read with simple text and sight words. Books such as *The Cat in the Hat* and the *Frog and Toad* series can be found here.

#### Juvenile Fiction (JF) [Also includes Large Print]

This designation is for chapter books. You will find titles and series like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Junie B. Jones*.

#### Juvenile Graphic Novels (JGN) & Juvenile Manga (JManga)

This designation is for graphic novels (aka comic books) aimed at younger readers. You will find titles like *The Baby-Sitters Club* and *Elephant and Piggie*. JManga is a designation for graphic novels originating from Japan or using the distinctive art style of Japanese comics. Many manga companies provide an age recommendation on their books, but please note that these recommendations are not standardized and may not align with individual sensibilities. The JManga collection includes titles such as *Pokémon*.

#### Juvenile Nonfiction (J 001-J 999) & Juvenile Biography (JB)

We designate nonfiction titles aimed at younger readers with a J before the Dewey Decimal Number. For example, the call number for *Who Would Win: Hornet Vs. Wasp* by Jerry Pallotta is J 595.798 Pall. Juvenile Biographies are titles written about the lives of famous or historic individuals, ranging from Abraham Lincoln to Taylor Swift.

#### Young Adult (YA) [Also includes Large Print]

This designation is for older readers who are ready to tackle mature issues. You will find titles such as *The Hunger Games* and *13 Reasons Why*.

### **Young Adult Graphic Novels (YA GN) & Young Adult Manga (YA Manga)**

This designation is for graphic novels (aka comic books) aimed at older readers ready for more mature topics. You will find titles like *Heartstopper* and *Nimona*. YA Manga is a designation for graphic novels originating from Japan or using the distinctive art style of Japanese comics. Many manga companies provide an age recommendation on their books, but please note that these recommendations are not standardized and may not align with individual sensibilities. The YA Manga collection includes titles such as *My Hero Academia* and *Naruto*.

### **Adult Fiction (F), Mystery Fiction (MF), Science Fiction (SF), Western Fiction (WF), & Urban Fiction (UF) [Also includes Large Print]**

These collections include novels and short stories, ranging from classics to contemporary titles. While a wide audience can enjoy these items, most books are intended for mature readers. Here you'll find authors ranging from Ray Bradbury to Toni Morrison.

### **Adult Graphic Novels (AGN) & Adult Manga (AManga)**

This designation is for graphic novels that appeal to a wide age range. You will find most DC and Marvel titles in AGN. This also includes graphic novels that have mature content intended for an adult audience. You will find titles like *The Walking Dead* here. AManga is a designation for graphic novels originating from Japan or using the distinctive art style of Japanese comics.

### **Adult Nonfiction (001-999) & Adult Biography (B) [Also includes Large Print]**

Nonfiction titles for adults cover a wide range of topics, from self-help to history. Our adult biographies tell the life stories of famous and historical people and also include memoirs.

### **DVDs, Sound Recordings, and Video Games**

DVDs, sound recordings (like CDs), and video games are rated by the Motion Picture Association of America, Recording Industry Association of America, and Entertainment Software Ratings Board. The Daviess County Public Library does not allow minors under the age of 18 to check out items rated by the MPAA, RIAA, or ESRB for adult use.

### **Online Content**

Both Libby and Hoopla offer filters for children's content. For more information, please consult your app.

### **Family Values & Library Materials**

The Daviess County Public Library collects materials that represent the wide variety of identities, moral values, religious beliefs, and political opinions held by the diverse citizens of Daviess County. We acknowledge that not every item in the collection is right for every patron, yet our goal is to provide every patron with material that is right for them. For this reason, we encourage parents and caregivers to be active participants in their child's selection of library materials. Some ways you might do this is by being present when your child selects materials or talking with your child about the materials they

checked out once you get home. If you are having trouble finding materials that speak to your family's identity, moral values, religious beliefs, political opinions, or interests, please speak to a member of the staff about providing suggestions for materials to be purchased.

### **Review Sources**

To learn more about children's materials, the library recommends the following professional review sources: *School Library Journal*, *Kirkus*, *The Children's Book Review*, and *Publisher's Weekly*. Parents may also find Common Sense Media a helpful resource as it provides content warnings, age recommendations, and comments from other parents regarding the title. Additionally, the DCPL subscribes to the online resource *NoveList*.

### **Limited Access Cards**

The Daviess County Public Library allows parents and guardians the choice to register their minor children under the age of 18 for a Limited Access Card that restricts checkouts to physical material in the Juvenile collection. Please see a member of the library staff to register your child for a Limited Access Card.

### **Accelerated Reader**

Please note that AR levels are based on a mathematic formula to predict the level of reading difficulty for a book. It does not take into consideration content. Therefore, some books with low AR levels may not be appropriate for children. (For example, *Game of Thrones* is a 5.5 AR but may not be appropriate for a 5th grader.)