

FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY Gaming Policy

The Fertile Public Library welcomes youth ages 10-18 to use the gaming systems in the teen area. Children under 10 years of age must play with a parent or guardian. Special times, events, and tournaments may include adult participation.

Our gaming area is offered to make the library enticing to youth and teens, to encourage them to visit the library, to develop a love of books and reading, and to expose them to the services available at the library.

Anyone using a gaming system must read and agree to the gaming policy before using it. The rules in the policy are set up to ensure proper use of the equipment and allow fair access to our patrons. Failure to follow these rules of conduct will result in loss of gaming system privileges. Any damages that occur to the Library's space and equipment, including the gaming equipment will be the responsibility of the patron or patrons using the area at the time damage occurs. A letter explaining the damage charges will be sent to the patron's home address.

GAMING RULES

1. The patron must have a library card in good standing with the Fertile Public Library, or the cooperating system.
2. Game playing will be limited to 30 minutes per day/evening. If no one is waiting to use the game, play may continue for up to 30 more minutes, but players must be willing to end play if someone else signs up to use a system. Players must end play immediately at the request of a staff member.
3. A limit of 1 hour of play will be enforced, even if a system is not signed out to another member.
4. Patrons must sign up to use a gaming system at the front desk. Any backpacks must be left at the front desk. At the time of sign up the patron will be given the controllers or other accessories that are needed to play. After the play period is up, the patron must check the items back in to a staff member and sign out.
5. Gamers using a Wii must wear the wrist leash. Gamers who fail to use a leash will lose their privileges for the day.
6. Patrons using the gaming area are asked to respect others using the library and keep the volume and noise level low.

7. Gamers may only use the gaming equipment and games available at the library. No games, memory cards, or extra accessories from home may be used at the Library.
8. Inventory of gaming accessories will be taken by the staff.
9. Gamers are asked to treat the equipment gently. Those patrons that do not treat the equipment gently or are too loud and disruptive will be asked by staff to stop for the day. Gamers who repeatedly abuse the equipment will have their privileges revoked indefinitely.
10. Gamers must quit play and check equipment back to the staff 10 minutes before closing. The staff will give players a reminder of the closing time 10 minutes prior to closing time.
11. The gaming systems are limited to use during specified gaming hours only.
12. This policy will be posted in the gaming area.

Thank you.

The Fertile Public Library Staff and Board of Trustees.

Please Return this page with signatures to the library! Thank you!

I _____, agree to the above policy and will abide
(Print first and last name)

by Gaming rules as stated above.

Date _____

Patron Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

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