

## Gaming System Policy

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Audrey Pack Memorial Library (APML) offers free use of a Nintendo Switch during library specified times. We expect all patrons to follow our Patron Behavior Policy and to follow the Library's Gaming System Policy.

Users must read and agree to the Gaming System Policy before use of the system. Users will have permission to use the system with a signed permission form and a current library card. Failure to follow the rules and Patron Behavior Conduct Policy will result in loss of library gaming system privileges. The user is responsible for any damages to any of the equipment that occurs during use. An invoice will be generated and attached to the library card holder for the damages. This will be handled on a case by case basis. **Theft of any APML owned gaming systems, games, and/or accessories will be considered a police matter.**

Users of the Library's gaming system and equipment agree that the Audrey Pack Memorial Library is not responsible for any loss or damage suffered by the user as a result of using or participating in gaming and the user agrees to indemnify and hold the Library and its employees, volunteers and Trustees harmless from any damages including personal injuries to any party damages to any property alleged to be a consequence of the user's use of the Library's gaming systems or equipment.

### **To use the APML gaming system:**

- Users must have a valid Audrey Pack Memorial Library card in good standing;
- Must have a signed Gaming Service Agreement on file. Parents and/or guardians of patrons ages 12-17 must also sign the Gaming Service Agreement before use;
- Gaming system is open to users ages 12-18 years old;
- Game playing is limited to 30 minutes; gaming items must be returned to the front desk for check in after the allotted time. If no one is waiting, user may check out the gaming items for an additional 30 minutes; users are limited to 1 hour per day. However, users must end play if someone else signs up to use the gaming system;
- Users will check out the games, controllers, and accessories on their library cards;
- NO outside games will be allowed;
- Users must quit play and check equipment back in at the front desk at the posted end time.

**The library will have the right to make final decisions in all situations.**

## Rules of Conduct

- Users may not purchase, download additional content, and/or alter the gaming software or hardware of the gaming system;
- Any damage to the gaming system and/or accessories will be charged to the patron's card, and library privileges will be suspended until costs are cleared from the card (Please note that game playing is monitored by video cameras.);
- Users will respect others and keep the volume and noise level low. This includes no vulgar, foul, intimidating, or inappropriate language and actions. Failure to comply will result in loss of playing privileges for the day;
- Inventory of the gaming system and accessories will be made daily by library staff;
- A maximum of 4 users are allowed to play at one time. No more than two additional patrons may be in the gaming area to watch;
- Users who fail to follow the Gaming System Policy or who do not treat gaming systems and equipment with care will lose their gaming privileges and/or all of their library privileges depending on the severity of the offense;
- NO food, drink, candy, or other food stuffs are allowed in the gaming area.
- Users are expected to adhere and respect gaming times set by the library; the library reserves the right to change the availability of the gaming system;
- The library reserves the right to end play at any time.

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Parental Consent Form: Permission to use Gaming Console  
at Audrey Pack Memorial Library

I am the parent or legal guardian of

\_\_\_\_\_ (“minor”) who is under 18 years of age. I hereby consent to his/her use of the APML gaming system and/or accessories while at the library. I am aware the the library may have console video games with ratings of “E”, “E10+”, or “T” as specified by the Entertainment Software Ratings Board. “E” for EVERYONE Content is generally suitable for all ages. May contain minimal cartoon, fantasy, or mild violence and/or infrequent use of mild language. “E10+” for EVERYONE 10+ Content is generally suitable for ages 10 and up. May contain more carton, fantasy, or mild violence, mild language and/or minimal suggestive themes. “T” for TEEN Content is generally suitable for ages 13 and up. May contain violence, suggestive themes, crude humor, minimal blood, simulated gambling and/or infrequent use of strong language. I am aware that these ratings indicate the ESRB has determined the content of the console video game to be suitable for ages 13 and older

I understand that my child must abide by the Gaming System Policy. I have explained the policy to my child. I understand that if my child refuses to follow the policy, they may be prohibited from future use of the gaming system. I understand that any damages or theft will be my responsibility.

By signing, I agree that I am bound to adhere to all parts of this agreement.

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Library Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Card Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian (If patron is 12-17 years old):

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_