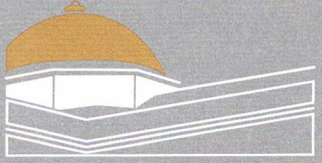




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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Library Certification Requirements for the Protection of Minors:**

#### **State of Missouri 15 CSR 30-200.015**

#### **All juvenile library cards are set to expire at 11:59 PM, May 17, 2023.**

On May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM all Carthage Public Library “Juvenile cards for children ages 0-17, cards will expire.”

In order to receive State funding and to be compliant with the new State of Missouri Rule; “Library Certification for the Protection of Minors,” parents/legal guardians will be required to fill out new library card applications for their children and agree to the following statement before they will be allowed to check out library materials of any kind.

“As the parent/legal guardian of my child, I grant access to the full collections of the Carthage Public Library, the Missouri Evergreen Consortium, and any electronic books and resources that may be accessed using the patron’s Carthage Public Library card. Library staff do not supervise minors. Library staff do not know what you consider appropriate for your child and cannot be responsible for their selections. If you do not agree to full access to the collections, your child will not be issued a card. Parents/guardians may then check out items for children on their own cards.” This statement is required by 15 CSR 30-200.015 Missouri State Regulations.

Staff appreciates your patience as we work through these new policies and will do our best to answer any questions you may have. Please stop by the Circulation desk beginning May 18<sup>th</sup> to update your children’s cards.

Julie Yockey, Director, Carthage Public Library