

Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct

Gaming Policy

The University City Public Library invites patrons to use the Library's in-house gaming systems. Play is restricted to individuals ages 13-19, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, and requires that users have a Library account in good standing and signed parental permission for patrons under 18 years of age.

Patrons wishing to use the Library's gaming systems must read and agree to the Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct. The Rules of Conduct exist to ensure safe and proper use of the systems and associated equipment and to allow fair access. Those who fail to comply with the Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct or who do not treat the gaming systems and equipment with care may lose their gaming privileges for a period based on the severity of the offense, and at the discretion of the Library Director.

Rules of Conduct

- User must be a patron in good standing of the Municipal Library Consortium.
- All users must sign the Gaming Service Agreement, and minor children must have a signature of a parent/guardian.
- Players 12 and under may be allowed when accompanied by a parent.
- Users will check out game(s), controller(s), and other accessories on their account at the Youth Services desk during posted gaming hours (card or ID must be present). Lost or damaged equipment caused by patron misuse will be charged to the patron card.
- Gaming hours are Monday-Friday from 3:30pm-7pm and Saturday and Sunday from 2pm-4pm. Hours may change during Library-sponsored events, or at the discretion of Library administration.
- Users are granted a time period for play, and time may be extended if no one is waiting at the end of that time period, but will end once there are new users waiting. Users must end play immediately at the request of Library staff. Time limits as follows:
 - Single-player games: Users allowed 20 minutes per system.
 - Multiplayer games: Users allowed 30 minutes to play with each other.
 - When no other patrons are waiting, users will be permitted to use a system for up to 60 minutes.
- Users are asked to respect other patrons by keeping their noise level low during play. Foul language and profanity are prohibited.
- The Library will moderate volume level of console games. Players should use headphones or earbuds for handheld games, or play without sound.
- Users may bring their own controllers and other accessories, but the Library assumes no responsibility for damage to or loss of user equipment. Users **may not** load their own games on library equipment, except during events as allowed by the Library. The Library carries games rated E, E 10+, and T.
- Users must end play and return games and equipment promptly at the end of gaming hours.

Player/Guardian Agreement

To use or have my child use the University City Public Library gaming equipment, I agree/understand:

- All users must follow the Library's Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct, in addition to the Library's [Rules for Patron Behavior](#) and [Appropriate Use of the Library](#) policies (linked here or available on our website).
- Use of gaming equipment is on a first come/first served basis.
- Loans for equipment are for the duration of play.
- Gaming equipment may not be removed from the Library, taken into the restroom, or left unattended under any circumstance.
- For the time period that gaming equipment is checked out, I am responsible for its safety and for any damage or loss that may result from accident, theft, misuse, or neglect.
- Gaming equipment must only be returned to a Library staff person and that any loss or damage must be immediately reported to Library staff. Equipment must be returned at the end of gaming time.
- Gaming is open Monday-Friday from 3:30pm-7pm and Saturday and Sunday from 2pm-4pm. Gaming will end promptly at the times listed above, even if I have not played for the full time allowed.
- I agree to pay all costs associated with gaming equipment, or any associated equipment, if lost, damaged, or stolen while checked out by me/my child.
- I agree that the University City Public Library is not responsible for any loss or damage suffered by me or my child as a result of using or participating in gaming and at the Library, and I agree to indemnify and hold the Library and its employees, volunteers, and Trustees harmless from any damages to any property alleged to be a consequence of my or my child's use of the Library's gaming systems or equipment.

By signing, I agree that I (or the signed parent/guardian) is legally bound to adhere to all parts of this agreement.

Player Name : _____

Library Card # : _____

Parent/Guardian (if player is a minor) : _____

Email : _____

Phone Number : _____

Player Signature : _____

Parent/Guardian Signature : _____

Today's Date : _____