

Content & Age- Guidance Resources

There are many resources available to help families make decisions about what materials they feel are best suited for the children in their lives. Here are some free resources available to help guide your choices:

- **Plugged In (Focus on the Family)**
Provides reviews for books, movies, games and music from a family/values perspective, with content warnings and age guidance.
- **Common Sense Book Reviews**
Provides book review collections that include reading level and content notes.
- **Kids In Mind** Offers content breakdowns (e.g., themes, language, violence, etc.) and age guidance for movies and some books.
- **Content Ratings on Goodreads** While Goodreads doesn't provide official age ratings, parent reviewers often include content warnings in reviews and lists exist for "books with sensitive content", "trigger warnings", etc. User-generated lists can help parents research specific concerns.
- **NetGalley & Publisher Reviews**
NetGalley lets reviewers read forthcoming books and post reviews, many include content commentary.

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Watertown Public Library helps families find library materials that meet their needs & interests

Library materials are selected by trained professionals who follow the library's collection development policy and other professional resources to ensure the library has varied materials that serve the whole community.

The layout of the library building separates library material based on age of the intended audience (children, teens, adults).



Watertown Public Library emphasizes that children's choice of library material rests with their parent or legal guardian.



Watertown Public Library supports the involvement of parents and guardians in their children's use of public library materials.

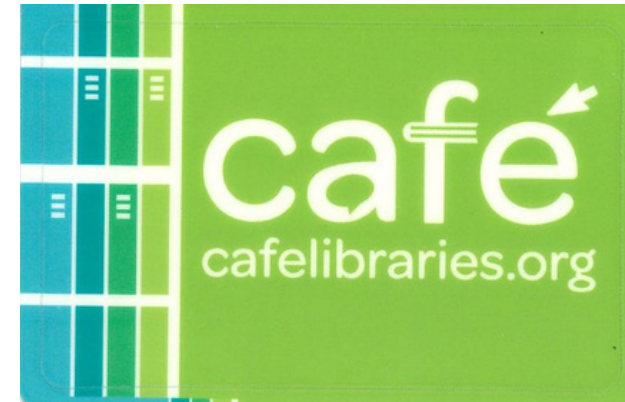
Online resources are available to everyone with a library card, regardless of age, that are curated by professionals from outside agencies. Watertown Public Library does not have control over what content is available through Libby and Hoopla.



A parent or guardian is required to consent to a child getting a library card.

Parents and guardians can call, email, visit the library or use the app to get their child's account information.

Wisconsin statute grants parents and guardians access to their children's public library records when that child is under the age of 16.



Library Card Front

The cardholder or legal guardian agrees to comply with all policies and procedures authorized by the Boards of Trustees of CAFE member libraries. The cardholder or guardian agrees to pay fines for items returned overdue and to pay replacement charges for materials lost, damaged or stolen. This card remains the property of the issuing library and a replacement fee for lost cards will be charged. In case this card is lost or stolen, notify the issuing library immediately, otherwise cardholder or guardian is responsible for any unauthorized use.

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