

## VIDEO GAME COLLECTION POLICY

### Philosophy Statement-

Spencer Public Library will now be offering video games for patrons to check out. SPL acknowledges the current technology needs of its currently underserved population of young adults, especially males. This collection is aimed at serving the information, educational, and entertainment needs of these and all patrons in order to promote library usage.

### Regulations-

- Video games are available for Nintendo Wii, Nintendo DS, Nintendo Switch, Xbox360, Xbox One, PS2, PS3, and PS4 systems.
- Video games in the collection have the following ratings, established by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB):
  - EC (Early Childhood)-suitable for children 3 years and older
  - E (Everyone)-suitable for ages 6 and older
  - E 10+ (Everyone)-suitable for ages 10 and older
  - T (Teen)-may be suitable for persons ages 13 and older
  - M (Mature)-may be suitable for persons ages 17 and older. Video games rated M will be considered based on popularity and purchased at the discretion of the Assistant Director after careful review
  - The collection does not contain games with rating AO (Adults Only)
- Video games may be borrowed by any patron with a current library account.
- There is no fee to borrow video games
- Patrons may borrow a maximum of 5 video games per household
- Video games may be checked out for a period of 14 days
- Video games may not be renewed
- Patrons are financially responsible for lost or damaged video game discs
- The library is not responsible for damage to patron's game systems while using library video games.

### Procedures-

- The Assistant Director holds primary responsibility for selecting and purchasing video games. All video games in the collection are selected based on reviews, surveys, and interactions with the community.
- Upon return and check-in of video game discs, staff will check the discs for damages. Discs will then be sent to the back room for cleaning/resurfacing. Once finished, discs will be placed back in the storage case and game cases will be re-shelved out in the library.
- If patrons cause enough damage to make the disc un-playable, staff will bill them for the cost of replacing the disc. Other damages to the case or any instruction booklets included with the game will result in the patron being charged \$2 per item for replacement.

### Guidelines-

Spencer Public Library strictly adheres to the philosophy of equal access to all material by all patrons. Therefore, staff may not deny patrons to check out any video games based on the patron's age or the content of the video game so long as their account is in good standing.