

# Teen Zone Gaming Policy

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Caldwell Public Library welcomes youth in grades 6-12 to use the gaming system (television, game console, controllers, games and headphones) in the Teen Zone. Children younger than 6<sup>th</sup> grade may play if directly supervised by a parent or guardian. Special times, events, and tournaments may include adult participation.

Patrons must read and agree to this Gaming Policy before using the system. The policy is designed to ensure proper use of the equipment and allow fair access to patrons. Failure to follow these rules of conduct will result in loss of library gaming system privileges. Any damages that occur to the library's space, equipment, gaming systems, and/or gaming accessories will be the responsibility of the patron or patrons using the area at the time the damage occurs.

## Gaming System Rules of Conduct:

- Game play will be limited to one hour (60 minutes) per day. If no one is waiting to use the gaming systems, play may continue for up to 30 more minutes, but players must be willing to end play if someone else signs up to use the system. Play must end immediately at the request of library staff.
- Gaming controllers, games, and headphones are available for checkout. Patron must have a valid library card from a library in the Treasure Valley LYNX consortium. Items check out for the duration of play. Patrons must check in all items at the circulation desk. Overdue fines are \$1.00 per hour for each item, and begin to accrue 90 minutes after checkout.
- Personal games may be played on the library system if they are ESRB-rated E (Everyone), E10+ (Everyone 10+), or T (Teen). Games rated M (Mature) or A/AO (Adult Only) are **not allowed**.
- Patrons using the gaming system must use headphones at all times and mute the television. Noise level must be kept to a minimum in order to respect others. Loud voices, foul language and profanity are not permitted. Please treat gaming equipment with respect.
- Gamers must check in all equipment at least 20 minutes before library closing time.
- Basic assistance related to the use of equipment will be available as staff time permits.

This policy will be posted in the gaming area and online.

A copy of the policy will be available upon request.