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LIBRARY IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH NEW CARD SYSTEM

Updated Card System Deployment, Minor Card Utilization Rate and 2023 Library Statistics

ST. TAMMANY – The St. Tammany Parish Library (STPL) recently enhanced its options for parents when considering library cards for their minor children. Nov. 2022, STPL announced a new four-tiered card system for minors with varying levels of checkout access. Since the beginning of this year, STPL now offers two additional tiers to restrict digital access for minors.

The updated card system went into effect on Jan. 2 of this year. This change now brings STPL to full compliance with Act 436, by providing a card system that not only allows minor card restriction of physical library materials but all library materials including digital content. The new enhanced card policy was adopted at the September 28, 2023, Library Board of Control Regular Meeting, well before the Jan. 1, 2024 deadline. The implementation of the updated policy took place Jan. 2, 2024, six months before the law's adoption deadline.

New Enhanced Tiered Card System

- Juvenile Full Restriction Card
- Juvenile Full Restriction Card with **No Digital Access**
- Juvenile Semi Restriction Card
- Juvenile Semi Restriction Card with **No Digital Access**
- Juvenile Card
- Unrestricted Juvenile Card

The No Digital Access cards are prohibited from accessing all digital content including content from services such as Cloud Library, Hoopla eBooks & e-Audiobooks, Hoopla Movies, Hoopla Comics and Libby.

Parents can always increase restrictions on their minor's card in person at a branch or over the phone. However, parents are required to visit a branch to lift restrictions on their children's cards.

After the first month of adoption, of the close to 5,000 minor cards, over 1,600 parents have opted for the Full and Semi Restriction cards and of those 60 have chosen the No Digital Access option.

The Library is also happy to announce its 2023 Service Statistics. In 2023, circulation numbers increased by close to 16,000, meeting a new high of 982,980 circulations. Program attendance increased by 37% with 60,513 patrons. Over 197,686 patrons used either the inside or outside wireless internet, also an increase from 2022's statistics. A full detail of the 2023 Service Statistics will be included in the February Library Board of Control Meeting Board Packet which will be posted on the Library's website later this month.

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Resources:

Card Policy Implementation:

- [Sept. 28 LBOC Meeting Board Packet](#)
- [Sept. 28 LBOC Meeting Video](#)
- [Sept. 28 LBOC Meeting Minutes](#)

[Expanded Library Card Tier System Details](#)

- [Easy At-A-Glance Card Types Chart](#)
- [Easy At-A-Glance Digital Access Card Chart](#)
- [Minor Card Application](#)

Library Website: sttammanylibrary.org

Library Board of Control Web Page: sttammanylibrary.org/LBOC

The St. Tammany Parish Library has been serving the citizens of St. Tammany Parish for over seventy years. Our twelve branches offer over 542,000 loanable items including books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and magazines. The library's website offers 24/7 access to downloadable audio and e-books, music downloads, research tools, magazines, and newspapers. Our programs and services are designed to meet residents' cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs.