

Big Rapids Community Library
426 South Michigan Avenue
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Policy Regarding the Equal Access to Materials in the Big Rapids Community Library

It is the policy of the Big Rapids Community Library to endorse the Library Bill of Rights, which states, "a person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views." The "right to use the Library" includes use of, and access to, all library materials and services.

The Big Rapids Community Library also endorses the American Library Association's Free Access to Libraries for Minors, an Interpretation of the Library Bills of Rights Statement. As the document states, "it is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to restrict their children from access to library materials and services. People who would rather their children did not have access to certain materials should advise their children." It is not the responsibility of the Big Rapids Community Library and its staff to act in loco parentis. It is the responsibility of the Big Rapids Community Library to provide equal access to library materials and services for all library users.

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