

Dayton Public Library
R-Movie Policy

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Excerpted from MPAA.com (Motion Picture Association of America):

“UNDERSTANDING THE FILM RATINGS

Movies can open our children’s eyes to new places, cultures and ideas, and parents have an important role in ensuring that experience is positive and enriching. They need the tools to decide what movies are suitable for their children to watch. From understanding how movie ratings work and have evolved with the times to helping parents find movies appropriate for their kids, we want to help make movie-going a positive experience in your family’s life.

Movie ratings provide parents with advance information about the content of movies to help them determine what’s appropriate for their children. After all, parents know best their children’s individual sensitivities and sensibilities. Ratings are assigned by a board of parents who consider factors such as violence, sex, language and drug use and then assign a rating they believe the majority of American parents would give a movie.

The ratings system was established by the MPAA in 1968. The Classification & Ratings Administration (CARA) hosts the rating board made up of an independent group of parents. CARA’s mission is to provide parents the tools they need to make informed decisions about what their children watch.

Further information on how to read film ratings, how they were established and how you can get your film rated can be found at FilmRatings.com.”

In accordance with the MPAA rating system, in order for youth under age 17 to rent movies that are rated R (Restricted) from the Dayton Public Library, the consent of a parent or adult guardian is required.

While the library makes an effort to prevent minors from accessing inappropriate material, parents/guardians are solely responsible for their child’s movie selections in the library. Parents are advised to supervise their children’s activities.