

## **Jasper County Public Library Digital Access Card Policy**

Digital Access Cards are available for students and staff of schools in the Jasper County Public Library service district upon request by school administration.

Digital Access Cards are free, distributed through the schools to eligible students as determined by the school, and are valid for one school year, expiring on June 30.

Students do not have to visit the library to sign up for this card, and once students receive them they may begin to use them immediately.

Digital Access cards provide students access to library databases and eBook resources at home or at school.

As stated in our Material Selection Policy, the library cannot limit its selection to materials suitable for children and adolescents, but must consider its adult audience; therefore, some materials may be deemed by parents as inappropriate for their children. Since parents' feelings differ and children of the same age differ greatly in levels of maturity, the library will not act as judge of what materials a child is mature enough to borrow. This responsibility must remain with the parent.

The library has developed a Student Portal and created some age-appropriate groupings of our resources, as well as a separate page for downloadable items. The library encourages parents to look at these resources and be involved in their student's selection and use.

The library will not collect cards when they expire. New cards will be made available each school year. There is no risk of lost materials, as all content is electronic.

The Digital Access Card only allows access to electronic databases and eBook resources. A full service (traditional) library card is needed for full access to library materials.

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