

## **Bird City Public Library Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct**

The Bird City Public Library welcomes patrons to use the Library's gaming systems. Children 5 and under are allowed to play under the direct supervision of a Parent/Caregiver who is 14 years or older.

The opportunities for gaming are being offered to make the Library more enticing to youth and teens, to encourage them to visit the Library, to develop their love of books and reading, and to expose them to all of the other services the Library has to offer. The service is also being offered to adults to demonstrate the value of a non-traditional library service.

Patrons who desire to use the Library's gaming systems must read and agree to the Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct before using the system. The Rules of Conduct are set up to ensure proper and safe use of the gaming systems and equipment and allow fair access for the Library's patrons. ***Users who fail to follow the Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct or who do not treat gaming systems and equipment with care may lose their gaming privileges and/or all of their library privileges indefinitely depending upon the severity of the offense. The Librarian will have the right to make the final decision in all situations.***

Users of the Library's gaming systems and equipment agree that the Bird City Public Library is not responsible for any loss or damage suffered by the user as a result of using or participating in gaming and the user agrees to indemnify and hold the Library and its employees, volunteers and Trustees harmless from any damages including personal injuries to any party damages to any property alleged to be a consequence of the user's use of the Library's gaming systems or equipment.

### **Rules of Conduct**

The Patron (user) must have a library card in good standing with the Bird City Public Library.

A signed Gaming Service Agreement must be on file at the Library for every patron using the gaming systems and equipment. Parents and/or guardians of patrons under 18 years of age must also countersign the minor patron's Gaming Service Agreement before a minor patron is allowed to use the gaming systems.

Open gaming will be limited to 30 minutes (1/2 hour) per day/evening. If no one is waiting to use the game, play may continue for up to 30 more minutes, but users must be willing to end play if someone else signs up to use the system. Users must end play immediately at the request of the library staff.

A limit of one hour of play per day will be enforced, even if no other Library patrons are signed up to use the gaming system.

Time limits may be suspended for organized gaming programs and tournaments organized by the Library and by gaming clubs sanctioned by the Library.

Users using the gaming system and equipment are asked to respect other patrons using the Library and keep the volume and noise level low. Foul language and profanity is prohibited.

Users are not allowed to bring and use games from outside the Library. Users should only use games appropriate for their age.

Users are allowed to bring their own controllers and accessories, but the Library assumes no responsibility for any damage or loss to the user's equipment.

Inventory of the gaming accessories will be made daily by the staff.

Users must quit play and check equipment back in to the staff 10 minutes before closing.