

## East Troy Lions Public Library DVD Policy

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DVDs shall be selected for values of interest, information and entertainment of all people of the community. The selection of any DVD title does not constitute an endorsement of the contents. Some title choices may be controversial, and some people may be offended by the titles added to the library collection. Selection decisions are not made on the basis of anticipated approval or disapproval, but solely on the merits of the work in relation to the collection. \*\*\*

The responsibility for children's use of DVD titles rests solely with their parents or legal guardians. Recognizing that libraries cannot act *in loco parentis*, the East Troy Lions Public Library will not set minimum age limits (except for R rated titles) for access to DVD titles but acknowledges and supports the exercise by parents of their responsibility to guide their own children's viewing habits. The selection of DVD titles intended for use by adults shall not be inhibited by the possibility that they may be accessible to use by children.

### **Guidelines:**

- The East Troy Lions Public Library accepts the Motion Picture Association of America rating guidelines.
- DVD titles are not previewed – ratings will be taken from the material on the DVD case.
- Patrons of all ages may have access to the DVD collection if they have a library card.
- Patrons younger than 17 years of age may not check out R-rated titles unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

\*\*\*Any Library Patron may make a formal request for Reconsideration of a specific DVD title. A request may be made to the Library Director to begin such a process.