

REVISION TO RESOLUTION
DATED 8/21/25

RESOLVED by the undersigned Trustees of the North Shelby Library District, a Public Corporation, to call for the Harrison Regional Libraries in Shelby County to consider offering a restricted juvenile card to minors in the spirit of the Alabama Public Library System guidelines related to issuance of Minor Library Cards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Shelby Library adopted a new policy that offers a restricted minor library card in order to comply with the spirit and intent of APLS Code Chapter 520-2-(2k) "Approve written guidelines that establish library cards for minors under the age of 18 must require parental approval before a minor's card is permitted to check out materials from the library's adult sections." The other libraries in the Harrison Regional Library cooperative are in compliance with APLS because they require all parents who want a minor card for their children to sign a blanket waiver of responsibility and acknowledgment that the minor card allows full access to adult materials. We believe that the purpose of a juvenile card is to provide age-appropriate access to library resources while ensuring that parents or guardians remain responsible for the children's borrowing activities. We do not believe that solely offering an unrestricted juvenile card, that allows children access to adult materials as the only option, gives parents adequate choices to protect their minor children. At North Shelby Library the minor cards are restricted, however the parent has the option to choose an unrestricted card. We hereby call on the libraries within the Harrison Regional Library cooperative to consider adopting a policy that gives parents more options to protect their children by offering a restricted library card. The Harrison Regional Library system administers the shared library card system and coordinates and facilitates book sharing across all the public libraries in Shelby County including those in various municipalities. The libraries in the Harrison Regional Library cooperative should give all parents in Shelby County the choice to have additional safeguards for their minor children.

DONE and signed this 28th day of August 2025



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