

As of 10/17/2024	Who is responsible for Minor's material viewing or selection? (acting in loco parentis)
	Item Number 4
<b>Benchmark cities</b>	
Houston Public Library (1)	The Library does not have the right or responsibility to serve in <b>loco parentis</b> . Responsibility for the reading, viewing, or listening of minors rests with the parents or legal guardians.
San Antonio Public Library (2)	Limiting a minor's (under 16 years of age) access to or utilization of the collection is entirely within the purview of and is solely the responsibility of the minor's parent or guardian.
Dallas Public Library (3)	Responsibility for a child's use of library materials regardless of format or content lies with the parent or guardian, not the library. The library does not act in <b>loco parentis</b> .
Austin Public Library (4)	The library staff does not serve in <b>loco parentis</b> . It is the parent(s), and only the parent(s), who may restrict their children, and only their own children, from access to library materials. Responsibility for children's reading rests with their parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s).
Fort Worth Public Library (5)	Adult cardholders and Youths' parents or guardians are responsible for the choice of materials checked out and accessed. <b>(from circulation policy)</b>
El Paso Public Library (6)	Parents and legal guardians are responsible for materials borrowed on their children's cards. <b>On library card application:</b> I understand that I am responsible for my child's use of library materials including the internet.
Arlington Public Library (7)	Responsibility for overseeing children's use of the library collections rests with their parents and/or legal guardians, not the library.
Corpus Christi Public Libraries (8) - Current Policy	The library staff does not serve in <b>loco parentis</b> . It is the parent(s), and only the parent(s), who may restrict their children, and only their own children, from access to library materials. Responsibility for children's reading rests with their parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s).
Plano Public Library (9)	Responsibility for materials selected and read by children and adolescents rests with their parent or legal guardian. CD 201.9 Intellectual Freedom & Censorship
Irving Public Library (12)	IPL does not serve as " <b>in loco parentis</b> ". Responsibility for overseeing a minor's use of the Library collection rests with the parents and/or legal guardians, not the Library.
<b>Non-benchmark cities</b>	
Lubbock Public Library (10)	Responsibility for the reading materials of children and adolescents rests with their legal guardians.
Laredo Public Library (11)	Responsibility for the reading of children rests with their parents and legal guardians

Frisco Public Library (14)	Parents and/or legal guardians have sole responsibility for what their children read, view, or hear. The Library and its associated authorities do not serve in <b>loco parentis</b> (in place of parents).
Midland Public Library (25)	requested policies 11/5/2024 (currently under review)
Abilene Public Library (29)	Library staff is not responsible for determining whether materials used by children and teens are “age appropriate.” It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to monitor their children’s and teens’ use of library resources and to determine whether to place restrictions. <b>(in Parental Responsibility Policy)</b>
Victoria Public Library (60)	Responsibility for the reading or viewing of materials for children and adolescents' rest with the parent or guardian.
Dripping Springs Public Library (271)	Viewing/selection responsibility not stated
Franklin County Public Library (Clearwater, TX - unincorporated)	Responsibility for children’s use of library materials rests with each child’s parents and legal guardians
<b>Non-Texas cities</b>	
Autauga Prattville Public Library (Alabama)	Viewing/selection responsibility not stated
Campbell County Public Library System (Wyoming)	Parents are responsible for library materials chosen by children and teens. Staff are not responsible for items checked out by children and teens. <b>(in Children/teen policy)</b>
Clearwater Public Library (Florida)	Only parents and legal guardians have the right and responsibility to restrict the access of their children to library resources.

