

With the launch of our new Comics Plus service, an update to our [Borrowing and Lending Policy](#) is requested. Our juvenile card types currently are not allowed to access digital circulating collections like Libby and Hoopla. This is because, while those services do have children's content, they do not have the capability to present to the user logging in a collection that corresponds to materials typically cataloged for that age group.

In other words, if we allowed a juvenile card to access Hoopla or Libby today, that juvenile card would also be able to check out all titles in the adult collection. Parents have the right to choose what level of access they want for their children, and allowing access to Hoopla and Libby, as they currently are, could potentially circumvent parents' wishes. So we allow access to these services only to adult cards.

Which brings us back to [ComicsPlus](#). They are able to offer us 3 digital collections that correspond to our 3 physical collections: Children's (like our juvenile), Teen (like our Young Adult), and Full Collection (includes mature titles). Further, ComicsPlus can restrict access to these collections based on the card type that parents and guardians set for their young person. So a patron with a juvenile card would be able to access comics only in the Children's and Teen collections, just like in our physical branches per policy they can check out only juvenile and young adult titles.

With these access controls in place from the vendor, we feel confident in requesting to change our policy to allow access to digital materials where we hadn't previously. Currently our policy states for three groups (Juvenile Without Audiovisual Privileges, Juvenile with Audiovisual Privileges, and Library1) simply that there is "no access to digital circulating materials". For the same 3 groups, we recommend changing that language to:

Access to digital circulating materials will be provided only on services that offer separate collections for juvenile and/or young adult audiences.

This wording would allow us to provide access to Hoopla, Libby, or any other future services, once they can provide the same parental safeguards that vendors like ComicsPlus can.

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