## WEBER COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

## **Board of Trustees Policy**

## Attendance at Library-Sponsored Film Screenings

The Library's primary goal is to provide access to a rich amalgamation of relevant information resources and programs, enabling users to make meaningful decisions in their lives and participate as full-fledged members of our democratic society. To this end, collections and Library-sponsored programs reflect a diversity of needs, experiences, opinions, social and cultural perspectives, and are made available in a variety of formats. These programs link individuals and cultures while stimulating community members to make connections where they noticed none before; e.g., between their ancestors and themselves, between their culture and another, between the community and the individual.

The Weber County Library offers film screenings as part of its regular program schedule. On occasion, the Library may show documentary or other films that have received a PG, PG-13, or R rating from the Motion Picture Association of America. All Library publicity associated with these screenings will clearly list ratings and a cautionary statement as necessary.

Parents are reminded that they are responsible for supervising their children's access to Library programs and services. While the Library offers a wide variety of children's and young adult programs, it is assumed that children who visit the Library on their own are authorized to attend all programs available to the public. Therefore, Library staff will not monitor film attendance, provided that attendees under the age of six are adequately supervised by an accompanying adult or responsible individual, in accordance with the Library's Board Policy on Unattended Children.

For the enjoyment of all present, any disruptive patron (regardless of age) may be asked to leave the screening area.

## **The Film Rating System**

The Motion <u>Picture Association of America</u> (MPAA) film rating system is used in the United States and its territories to rate a film's suitability for certain audiences based on its content. The MPAA rating system is a voluntary scheme that is not enforced by law. The voluntary movie rating system is aimed at giving Parents the information they need to decide whether a film is appropriate for their family.









