

Statement for signature of parent on child's library card application:

By State Law, all patron card activity is confidential – this is even true for very young children. A child essentially experiences his or her first equal “adult” status in the act of acquiring a personal library card and is afforded the same privacy as adults. Thus, overdue notices and printouts of books checked out are mailed directly to youngsters (even though parents may be legally responsible for the actions of the minors in their household). Parents are encouraged to weigh the child's delight in the first library card against the knowledge that according to state law, parents may not have direct access to a child's borrowing record.

Parent's Signature _____