

Anime / Graphic Novels Club at the Massillon Public Library

Application Guide & Parental Permission Form

What is Anime?

Anime is simply any animation that is made in Japan that is characterized by highly styled, colorful art. In Japan, the word simply means any animation made anywhere in the world.

What is the Anime / Graphic Novels Club?

This club is devoted to the topic and styles of Anime. Our main focus will be on previewing and reviewing the newest anime by organizations that promote and distribute Anime. The club will meet once a month and will watch the newest shows and trailers, review the newest graphic novels available at the Library, and fill out surveys for Anime companies to let them know just what you think! We'll also work on other special events to express our excitement and passion about all things Anime!

Who Can Join the Club?

You have to be between 12 and 18 OR be in the 7th to 12th grade to join the Club. You also have to return the parental permission form, completed and signed by a parent or guardian **BEFORE** the day of the next meeting. Parents and/or guardians **MAY BE CONTACTED** to confirm permission.

Why is a Parental Permission Form Required?

Please take a look at the Ratings Guide below, taken from ADV Films/Anime ADVocates. It explains the ratings for the DVDs we will be previewing at almost every meeting. These episodes will have various ratings up to and including TV 14 / PG-13. Many anime movies and shows include graphic violence and often have a different view on the matters of sex. Since some of the Anime is rated higher than others and there may be "Some material that parents might find unsuitable for some children", the parent(s) may request a copy of the DVD that will be showed at the next meeting, when available.

So What If Mom or Dad Isn't Sure? What Can I Do?

The Young Adult Specialist has the DVDs that the Anime companies send for our meetings. Parents are more than welcome to contact James Nagy - Young Adult Specialist about obtaining copies of the DVD(s) for review. In fact, we encourage it! The Young Adult Specialist reviews the DVD(s) before every meeting to ensure that no rating higher than TV 14 / PG-13 is shown.

When Does the Club Meet?

The Graphic Novel / Anime Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please check with James Nagy for any changes.

Questions?

Please contact, James Nagy - Young Adult Specialist for any questions or concerns at nagyja@massillonlibrary.org or 330-832-9831 Ext. 332.