

Anime / Graphic Novels Club at the Massillon Public Library

Frequently Asked Questions and Ratings Guide

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 name is only temporary, until the club members choose a name for themselves). Anyway, 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 teens 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 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 WILL BE CONTACTED to confirm consent.

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 first meeting will be Wednesday, September 19 at 6:00 P.M., in the Auditorium. Regular meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesdays of every month.

Questions?

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

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Anime and Movies Ratings Guide

TV Y - Designed for children of all ages. Whether animated or live-action, the themes and elements in this title/episode are specifically targeting a very young audience, ages 2-6. This is not expected to frighten younger children. This title might not appeal to adults.

TY Y7 - Designed for children ages 7 and above. This title/episode is appropriate for children who have acquired the developmental skills needed to distinguish between fantasy and reality. Themes and elements in this title/episode may include mild fantasy, mild comedic mischief or violence. Content may be considered unsuitable for young children, as it may frighten them. This title/episode might not appeal to adults.

TV Y7 FV - Designed for children ages 7 and above with parental consideration. Children who have acquired the developmental skills needed to distinguish between fantasy and reality. Elements in this title/episode may include situations where violence may be more intense or more graphically aggressive than other title/episodes in the Y7 rating.

TV G - Most parents would find this title/episode suitable for all ages. This is not a title/episode that is targeted to children; however, parents may feel comfortable in allowing unsupervised viewing. It contains little or no violence, no drug use, no strong language beyond that of everyday conversation and expressions, no nudity and little or no sexual dialogue or situations.

TV PG (*Television and Movie Rating*) - Parents may find this title/episode unsuitable for younger children. It is suggested that parents may wish to preview the title/episode prior to viewing with their younger children. The theme itself may call for parental guidance and/or the title/episode contains one or more of the following: moderate violence (V), some brief nudity or non-intense sexual situations (S), infrequent coarse language (L), or some suggestive dialogue (D).

PG-13 - A PG-13 rating is a sterner warning by the Rating Board to parents to determine whether their children under age 13 should view the motion picture. A PG-13 motion picture may go beyond the PG rating in theme, violence, nudity, sensuality, language, adult activities or other elements, but does not reach the restricted R category. Any drug use will initially require at least a PG-13 rating. More than brief nudity will require at least a PG-13 rating, but such nudity in a PG-13 rated motion picture generally will not be sexually oriented. There may be depictions of violence in a PG-13 movie, but generally not both realistic and extreme or persistent violence. A motion picture's single use of one of the harsher sexually-derived words, though only as an expletive, initially requires at least a PG-13 rating. More than one such expletive requires an R rating, as must even one of those words used in a sexual context.

TV 14 - This title/episode contains some material that many parents would find unsuitable for children under 14 years of age. Parents are strongly urged to preview this title/episode and are cautioned against unsupervised viewing of the title/episode for children under the age of 14. This title/episode contains one or more of the following: intense violence (V), prolonged nudity and/or sexual situations (S), strong coarse language (L), or intensely suggestive dialogue (D). Depictions of drug use are automatically given this rating.

TV MA - *Nothing with this rating will be previewed by the Library Anime / Graphic Novels Club.* This title/episode is specifically designed to be view by adults and therefore may be unsuitable for children

under 17. This title/episode contains one or more of the following: graphic violence (V), explicit sexual activity (S), or crude indecent language (L). Instances of aberrational behavior, drug abuse, and profane language usage would automatically require a rating of MA.

R - Nothing with this rating will be previewed by the Library Anime / Graphic Novels Club.

An R-rated motion picture, contains some adult material. An R-rated motion picture may include adult themes, adult activity, hard language, intense or persistent violence, sexually-oriented nudity, drug abuse or other elements, so that parents are counseled to take this rating very seriously. Children under 17 are not allowed to attend R-rated motion pictures unaccompanied by a parent or adult guardian.