Dear Parents/Guardians,

Cordova Middle Optional School has students of various ages, maturity, and reading levels. As a result, our library contains a wide range of books to meet all of those different needs. Some of the books in our collection are labeled as Young Adult books because they may have more mature content.

**“Young adult fiction**  (**YA)** is [fiction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fiction) published for readers in their [youth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Youth). Authors and readers of "young teen novels" often define it as written for those aged 15 to the early 20s.   The subject matter and story lines of young adult literature focus on the specific challenges of youth are sometimes referred to as [problem novels](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Problem_novel) or [coming-of-age](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coming-of-age) novels.

Some issues discussed in young adult literature include: friendship, love, race, sex, money, divorce, relationships within families. Young adult literature explores themes important and crucial to adolescence such as relationships to authority figures, peer pressure and ensuing experimentations, issues of diversity as it relates to gender, sociocultural, and/or socioeconomic status. Primarily, the focus is centered on a young lead character and the reader experiences emotions, situations, and the like through this character and is able to see how these problems/situations are resolved.” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Young\_adult\_fiction)

While we encourage all students to read various sorts of materials, we prefer that you as the parent(s)/guardians determine what is appropriate for your child. For this reason, we ask that you sign this form giving permission for your child to check out books from our YA section.  The computer will flag the Young Adult books during checkout and your child will not be able to check out these books without a permission slip on file at the library.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me to discuss this matter further. Thank you very much for all your support of the library—past, present, and future.

Sincerely,

N. A. Hill

Teacher-Librarian

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If you approve, please check below and return this form to school with your child.

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_permission to check out

 (print child’s first and last name)

any Young Adult novel from the CMOS Library Media Center. I understand that YA books may have mature language and content.

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