

Manga! Anime! Namimono!

Screen Permission Slip

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Hello! My name is Lisa Blue, and I am the Teen Librarian at Winter Park Library. Your student is interested in joining Manga! Anime! Namimono! which includes reading/discussing Japanese comics (“manga”) and viewing animation (“anime”). However, just because anime is “cartoons” does not necessarily mean it is appropriate for all audiences. There are many shows that are appropriate for all ages – but there are also those aimed at an older teen audience. The Winter Park Library’s Anime! Manga! Namimono! is for teens, grades 8-12.

These are the different age ratings on anime and what they mean

	This show is designed to be appropriate for all children. Whether animated or live-action, the themes and elements in this show are specifically designed for a very young audience, including children from ages 2 - 6. This show is not expected to frighten younger children.
	This show is designed for children age 7 and above. It may be more appropriate for children who have acquired the developmental skills needed to distinguish between make-believe and reality. Themes and elements in this show may include mild fantasy violence or comedic violence or may frighten children under the age of 7. Therefore, parents may wish to consider the suitability of this show for their very young children.
	Most parents would find this show suitable for all ages. Although this rating does not signify a show designed specifically for children, most parents may let younger children watch this show unattended. It contains little or no violence, no strong language and little or no sexual dialogue or situations.
	This show contains material that parents may find unsuitable for younger children. Many parents may want to watch it with their younger children. The theme itself may call for parental guidance and/or the show contains one or more of the following: moderate violence (V), some sexual situations (S), infrequent coarse language (L), or some suggestive dialogue (D).
	This show contains some material that many parents would find unsuitable for children under 14 years of age. Parents are strongly urged to exercise greater care in monitoring this show and are cautioned against letting children under the age of 14 watch unattended. This show contains one or more of the following: intense violence (V), intense sexual situations (S), strong coarse language (L), or intensely suggestive dialogue (D).

Most Manga! Anime! Namimono! screenings are rated TV-PG and TV-14.

I pre-screen all titles that the anime club will watch for anything that would be significantly inappropriate.

The title of the anime to be screened for each month is listed in our online calendar of events.

For more information about a specific anime, Common Sense Media (commonsensemedia.org) is excellent for anime films and TV series that are popular. The website talks about the levels of drugs, sex, violence, language, and consumerism. They also include professional and user reviews so you can judge for quality as well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 407-623-3300 ext. 2076 or email me at lblue@winterparklibrary.org

I, the undersigned, Parent/Guardian of _____ grant permission for my student to attend the Winter Park Library Manga! Anime! Namimono! meetings and watch the screenings that occur.

My student may watch (Please circle): TVY/Y7 TVG TVPG TV14

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____