

## Child Safety Policy

The Library is a public place. Library staff is very concerned for the safety of all children who use the library. However, staff duties do not include child care or child supervision. The responsibility for children's safety and behavior rests with parents and responsible caregivers. Please review the following guidelines to insure a positive library experience:

- For their comfort and safety, children under age 7 must be accompanied and supervised at all times by a responsible caregiver.
- Library staff reserves the right to limit Internet use by any caregiver whose children are inadequately supervised.
- Library staff reserves the right to inform children their behavior is unsafe or disruptive to others. Children who do not comply may be asked to leave the library.
- Any child who feels unsafe in the library for any reason should inform a library staff member.
- If children are left alone in the library at closing time, library staff will contact a parent or guardian. If no responsible adult can be reached, or if a responsible party is unable to arrive within a reasonable amount of time, staff will contact the local police department to provide safe supervision until the child can be reunited with a caregiver.
- Children's use of all library materials, including the Internet, is the sole responsibility of their parent or guardian.
- Library staff may, at their discretion, require direct supervision of children over the age of 7 years of age.

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