

CONDUCT IN GENERAL

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SPECIAL SAFETY RULES CONCERNING CHILDREN

POLICY:

The Library is a public building and as such the Board of Trustees and staff are concerned about the safety of all adults and children who use the Library.

RULES:

1. Library staff is available to answer questions, assist with computers and assist as needed but cannot and do not serve as baby sitters, teachers, security guards, or disciplinarians.
2. Children in kindergarten or younger must be supervised at all times by a parent, legal guardian, or caregiver 12 years of age or older. Children who are not yet in 3rd grade must have a parent/caregiver in the Library building.
3. If a child not yet in 3rd grade is participating in a Library program, the parent/caregiver must remain in the Library building.
4. Parents/caregivers must remain at the Library if the children cannot follow the Library rules and be safe without their parent/caregiver. It is recommended that parents teach their children how to contact the parent or caregiver in case of emergency.
5. Parents or caregivers must adequately supervise the behavior of their children. If not, they will be made aware of the problem as quickly and discreetly as possible. Children's behavior must improve immediately, or the parent/caregiver and children will be directed to leave the Library.
6. The Children's Services Department is for the use of children and adults accompanied by children. Patrons age 14 and above using the Children's Services Department must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or adult caregiver that will remain with them while they are in the department.
7. If a child, 12 years of age or younger, remains longer than 15 minutes after the building has closed, staff will contact the police. Two staff members will stay with the child until a parent, other caregiver or police arrive.
8. If these rules are repeatedly violated, the parent, caregiver and child's access to the Library may be suspended.
9. The Library is a public building open to everyone. Parents and caregivers should keep this in mind when children are using the building.

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