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Child Safety Policy

Children are free to utilize the library's resources provided their behavior is not disruptive to other patrons or to staff members. (See Policy 568, Patron Conduct).

The library does not serve in place of the parent, or as substitute caregivers. Library staff cannot supervise children, except during the time scheduled for library programs that the children are attending.

For the children's comfort and safety, a parent, guardian or caregiver, 12 years or older, must remain in the library while children aged 7 or under attend a library program, and must be prompt in meeting the children at the end of the program.

Children age seven or under shall not be left alone in the library. Children age 7 or under must be accompanied and directly supervised by a responsible parent, guardian or caregiver, 12 years or older, at all times in all areas of the library.

Children age eight and older may use the library, without a parent or supervising adult present, for a maximum of two hours.

Children must be picked up by the time the library closes. The library reserves the right to turn over to the proper authorities minors (under age 17) left unattended for extended periods of time or left after the library closes.

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