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## Kids' Room Use Policy

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1. Responsibility for all children using the Library rests at all times with the adult caregiver. Library staff cannot assume responsibility for unattended children.
  - a. In all areas of the Library, children must be within sight of their caregivers.
  - b. All children using the Library must know how to reach a responsible adult.
  - c. At the discretion of the caregiver, a child age 10 or older may be left unattended for the period of time needed to select materials, complete a homework assignment, or attend a program.
2. Even in their absence, caregivers are responsible for their children's actions. Disruptive behavior, such as shouting, running, pushing, or other loud or physical activities, will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of a parent or caregiver to ensure appropriate use of the computers and other Library technology by young children. Pounding on keyboards and other potentially damaging activities are not permitted. Children who continue to be disruptive will be asked to leave the building.
3. The Library cannot assume responsibility for children while their adult caregiver is participating in a program or other activity in the Library.
4. Caregivers must stay in the Library building while their child under the age of 10 is attending a library-sponsored program. Children attending Library programs are supervised by the Library staff only during the scheduled time of the program. (Please see our Program Behavior Guidelines and Program Registration Procedure for additional information.)
5. To act as a caregiver for a young child at the Library young adults must be 14 or older. In the event that a child becomes separated from their adult caregiver, a Kids' Room staff member will accompany the child through the Library to find their caregiver. If a caregiver is not located within a half hour, police may be contacted.
6. The Kids' Room is for children and their caregivers, and adults using youth collection materials. Staff reserves the right to ask unaccompanied adults to move to the many other adult spaces, such as the Reference Room and Quiet Adult Reading Room. The Kids' Room bathroom is reserved for children and their families. The Kids' Room bathroom is only available to all patrons when the lower level is closed during the last half hour the Library is open.

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7. Food and open beverages may not be consumed in the Kids' Room. Library patrons shall consume food only in meeting rooms and in the lounge. Drinks must be in covered containers and must be kept away from computers.
8. Taking photographs of other Library users without the permission of the individual and staff is prohibited.
9. Shoes and shirts must be worn while in the Library. (Toddlers who are walking need to have shoes on.)

*For additional information please see [Patron Rights and Responsibilities](#).*

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