

## **CHILDREN'S ROOM POLICY**

The Children's Room is designated as an area for children and their families. In order to maintain a safe and comfortable environment for our young patrons, we request that all other patrons refrain from utilizing this area, unless looking for children's materials or assisted by Library personnel.

A practice has developed whereby young children are left at the Library unaccompanied by a responsible older person. Unattended children often become disruptive to other patrons using the Library. For the general welfare of all persons using the Library, and the safety of children, the following standards are being established:

- All children in Grade 2 or younger, shall be accompanied, at all times, by a responsible person (e.g. an adult or a mature adolescent age 16 or older.)
- Children in Grades 3 through 5 may use the Children's Room when unaccompanied, provided that a responsible person, age 14 or older, remains in the library building.
- If underage children are left unattended in the Library, the Library will contact the Nassau County Police if the parent/caregiver/relative/neighbor cannot be reached. It is not the Library's function to offer childcare.
- Elementary school age children and younger are limited to using the computers located in the children's area. When using the computers, children in Grade 2 and younger must, at all times, have an adult or a mature adolescent age 16 or older sitting with them in the computer area.
- Parents, not library staff, are responsible for children's behavior in the Library. Proper adult supervision means a child is to be within sight of the parent or caregiver at all times when on the Library premises.
- Children deemed out of control or disruptive to patrons or library staff will be asked to leave.
- We ask each parent/caregiver to be familiar with the Library's hours; to make advance arrangements to pick up or otherwise transport their children and to inform their children what actions they are to take in the event of an unexpected closure of the Library.

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