

# Children's Library Use Policy



The Maury Loontjens Memorial Library is dedicated to providing a welcoming and safe environment that encourages children to visit the Library, attend programs, and use the library resources. Library staff are available to assist and support children in using the library. Should you have questions or concerns regarding this policy please see a member for more information.

- Parents are responsible for their own children's safety and behavior at all times within the library ("library" is defined as all parts of the interior of the library, including the entrance and library parking lot).
- Library staff cannot be responsible for the care and supervision of children who are using the library.
- All Library users are expected to behave appropriately and abide by the *Library's Rules for Patron Conduct*
- A verbal warning for disruptive behavior will be given. Should a second warning be required the child will lose library privileges for the day. Parents or the police, will be called if necessary. Should disruptive behavior continue to be a problem, privileges will be taken away for a longer period of time.
- Children ages 10 & up are allowed to be "on their own" in the library. Adults and caregivers must be at least 14 years old and remain in the library building at all times with children under the age of 10. The parents or the police will be called if should a child be found unattended.
- Parents should be respectful of library hours and pick up children accordingly. Staff members will call the police when the library closes should children remain.

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