



Auburn Public Library
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Appropriate Children's Room Use Policy

The Children's Room of the Auburn Public Library is reserved for children and young adults and their parents or caregivers (age 18 or over). For the safety of the library's youngest patrons, adults may temporarily browse or borrow from the collection but may not remain in the Children's Room if unaccompanied by a child. If an unaccompanied adult is observed lingering in the Children's Room, that individual may be questioned by staff or asked to relocate to another part of the building.

The restrooms in the Children's Room are exclusively for the use of children and their caregivers. Adults unaccompanied by a child may use the restrooms by the main entrance.

Children in the library are the responsibility of their parents or caregivers. Children under age twelve (12) may not be left unattended and must be supervised by an adult caregiver at all times. Library staff are not responsible for monitoring unaccompanied children in the library.

All aspects of the Appropriate Library Use Policy also apply to use of the library's Children's Room. Ensuring that a child's behavior adheres to the Appropriate Library Use Policy is the responsibility of the supervising parent or caregiver. Failure to ensure that an accompanying child behaves in accordance with the Appropriate Library Use Policy may result in temporary revocation of library privileges.

Library staff have the authority, at their discretion, to make immediate decisions regarding interpretation and enforcement of policies in order to ensure the safety and comfort of all library patrons and staff.

Age Guidelines

Children: Birth through age 11
Young Adults (YA): 12 through age 17
Adults: 18 and older

~ Thank you for your adherence to this policy ~

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