

Youth Services Conduct Policy

The Fox River Grove Public Library District staff is committed to providing a safe, welcoming environment and assisting children with activities related to using the Library services. The Library will not act in loco parentis, i.e., in the place of a parent. The Library staff will not supervise or discipline children. Library staff members are not permitted to assume responsibility for the safety, care, or supervision of library visitors of any age. For the purpose of this document, “children” shall refer to any people needing care. This shall apply to all other references to “children” herein.

Caregivers may not leave children aged 9 and under unattended in the Library. A responsible adult, or mature adolescent 14 years of age or older caring for younger children, must be able and willing to directly supervise said children while in the Library. Direct supervision shall mean children remain within sight of their caregivers.

Children 10 years of age or older may use the Library unattended, provided they are mature enough to follow Library policy and a caregiver is reachable by phone. Unsupervised children must be able to tell staff their full name, caregiver's name, and caregiver's phone number upon request. If an incident occurs and a caregiver cannot be reached, the police will be notified.

Caregivers are responsible for their children's behavior and safety while in the Library. In all situations, children with disruptive behavior will be asked to leave the Library building and property. Procedures for inappropriate behavior as outlined in the Library's Patron Conduct Policy will take effect immediately. Expectations for appropriate behavior include, but are not limited to:

- No running, climbing, yelling, throwing, fighting, or similar disruptive or destructive behavior.
- Covered drinks and dry foods are permitted, if not emitting a strong odor.
- Patrons shall clean up after themselves (e.g., food, drinks, toys).
- All patrons shall remain fully clothed at all times while on Library premises, including shirt, pants, and shoes.
- Anyone who has a fever, vomiting, or other symptoms of infectious or communicable disease should not enter the Library and shall not return for at least 24 hours after such symptoms resolve.
- Patrons must use bathroom facilities for all toilet and diapering needs.
- If any patron emits such a strong odor that others may be affected, they may be asked to leave the Library.
- Patrons shall not enter staff spaces or go behind circulation desks.

Violations of any Library policies may lead to the loss of some or all library privileges of the caregiver and those in their care.

The Fox River Grove Public Library District assumes no responsibility for children left unattended on Library premises, including prior to or following all scheduled events. Caregivers should be aware that the Library is a public building open to all individuals



and, as such, may be unsafe for unattended children. When the caregiver cannot be located, the safety of an unattended child is in doubt, or the Library is closing, Library staff are authorized to call the police and will stay with the child until the police arrive.

The Youth Services Area serves children, their caregivers, teachers, and students who need children's materials. Other patrons should use the Adult Services collection and facilities, including the public restroom. For the safety of children in the Library, adults unaccompanied by children are asked to remain in the Adult Services Area of the Library unless they are actively selecting materials in the Youth Services Area. Adults who wish to use Youth Services materials in the Library should take those selections to the Adult Services Area.