

The Waukegan Public Library welcomes children and young adults to use its facilities and services. Since all visits to the Library should be positive, enjoyable experiences for children, their safety and well-being is a primary objective. Visit the Library's website or speak to library staff for information on stranger education, safety on the Internet and other parenting resources.

Ultimate responsibility for the behavior and well-being of minor children (under 18 years of age) using the Library rests with the parent or legal guardian (hereafter referred to as guardian). This includes the unrestricted use of all library collections or materials viewed through unfiltered library electronic resources. Because children develop and mature at different rates, there is no universal age at which all children are ready to cope with the variety of circumstances they may face alone in a public space. Library staff members are not permitted to assume responsibility for the safety, care or supervision of visitors of any age.

Any visitor disrupting library use (see Guidelines for Use of the Library) will be asked to desist from such activity immediately. A minor child who refuses to comply with such a request will be asked for his/her name and guardian contact information so that library staff may contact the guardian. If the guardian cannot be reached, the police will be notified. A minor child who is not able to successfully function alone in the Library may be suspended from visiting the Library or restricted from visiting the Library without the supervision of a guardian or designated caregiver for a time period based on the recommendation of staff and decision of the Executive Director.

A guardian may entrust the care of a minor child to a designated caregiver as long as that caregiver is able to comply with the Guidelines for Use of the Library and ensure that the child complies as well.

Staff will make every effort to contact the guardian of any unattended child left in the Library after closing time. Fifteen minutes past closing time, staff will contact the police to take custody of the child.

Policies that are required by statute are automatically amended to reflect any changes in said statute.

Website of the Waukegan Public Library
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