

## Children's Code of Conduct

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The following guidelines are to ensure a safe and welcoming space in the McMinnville Public Library Children's Room. When children are using the library, we rely on caretakers to supervise and ensure the safety of their children. Library staff cannot be the caregivers/babysitters of children in the library.

- Children 0 through 6 years old **MUST** be accompanied and supervised by a responsible caregiver at all times
- Children 7 through 9 years old **MUST** have a responsible caretaker somewhere in the library during their visit
- Children 10 and older who demonstrate the ability to conduct themselves maturely may be in the library on their own. Library staff will monitor their behavior for maturity and responsibility and may work with caregivers to create a safe plan for visiting the library.
- Use walking feet.
- Use inside voices.
- Check out games and puzzles before playing with them in the library.
- Treat library materials respectfully and clean up all materials used during your visit.
- Only trained service animals are allowed in the library

### UNATTENDED CHILD POLICY

If children are left unattended at the library and no responsible caregiver can be found or contacted, the McMinnville Public Library staff must, by law, contact the Police Department.