

Guidelines Concerning the Behavior and Supervision of Minors and Children's Areas of the Library

Delta Township District Library welcomes children. Parents/caregivers are responsible for their child's safety and behavior while in the Library whether the parent/caregiver is present or not. Library employees cannot function as caregivers or babysitters. The Library is not equipped—and it is not the Library's role—to provide long-or short-term childcare. The Library assumes neither responsibility nor liability for the actions, care, supervision or safety of minors.

For the safety and comfort of children, a responsible adult or an older responsible individual must accompany young children when they are using the Library. This responsible individual must supervise, guide and control the behavior of their charge or charges at all times.

- When a child is unattended or under-attended/ignored and
- the behavior of the child is disruptive or inappropriate (or)
- the child appears to be a danger to herself or himself or others (or)
- the child appears to be threatened by others (or)
- the child appears to be ill or upset (or)
- the child has not been met by a parent or caregiver at closing, then:

Library staff will attempt to contact the parent or guardian of the child. In the event that the parent or guardian cannot be located, staff will contact the Eaton County Sherriff Department. In the event of an emergency, staff will call 911.

Inappropriate Use of Children's Spaces/Youth Services: Adults are permitted in the Youth Services Department when accompanied by a child or if the adult is actively reading, studying and using library materials from the children's area collections. Any adult not in compliance with this provision will be asked to use other areas of the library. If the individual does not comply with staff direction or repeatedly violates this policy, the individual may be banned