

CHILDREN'S SERVICES POLICY

All young people are entitled to access to materials, resources and professional guidance, which will meet their intellectual, educational and recreational needs.

Children have the same privileges as adults for circulation, reserves, and interlibrary loan.

Some activities may require parental permission or participation.

For the safety and protection of children, parents must understand that the Library is not a child care facility. Parents or child-care providers need to supervise their children when visiting the library.

School safety policies supersede District policies in those libraries that are located in a school in the event of a lockdown or other emergency event, or for health reasons.

Rules of the Children's Area

1. Good behavior is expected. Simple rules are: Do not run, Do not jump, Do not disturb others, and loud voices should be left outside.
2. Children and their child-care providers who do not follow District guidelines and rules may be asked to leave the library.
3. Children under 10 years of age should not be left unattended at any Library. Unattended means that the parents or childcare givers cannot see or hear their child.
4. Children may ask staff to make a phone call for them in the case of emergencies only.
5. There are no restrictions on materials that children may check out.
6. Some programs require pre-registration and we cannot guarantee that there will be space in a program.
7. Library staff will, under no circumstances, take a child out of and Library, give the child a ride home, or escort children to offsite programs.
8. The Superior District Library in no way assumes responsibility for any child left unattended in any SDL Library, or at a library program or event outside of the library. If the parent, grandparent, guardian cannot be reached, the police or the appropriate social service agency will be called.

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