



Children's Library and Safety Policy

Commitment to a Safe and Welcoming Environment

The library is dedicated to providing a safe, welcoming, and enriching environment for children and families. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all visitors, the following guidelines apply:

Supervision and Responsibility

- The library is a public space, and while we strive to maintain a safe environment, children should not be left unattended.
- Parents or caregivers are responsible for their child's behavior at all times, even if they are not physically present. Library staff are not responsible for unattended children.
- Children under the age of eight (8) must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or responsible caregiver (age 14 or older) at all times, including in the Children's Library (Kid Spot).
- If a child is left unattended and an issue arises, library staff will attempt to contact a parent or caregiver.
- Parents and caregivers should be aware of library closing times. If a child is left without transportation at closing, staff will attempt to contact a parent or caregiver.
- If a parent or caregiver cannot be reached, the Kenai Police Department will be contacted to assist the child. A staff member will remain with the child until authorities arrive.
- The library staff cannot monitor whether children leaving the building are doing so with their parents or with strangers.

Use of the Children's Area (Kid Spot)

The Children's Library (Kid Spot) is designed to meet the needs of young library users and their caregivers.

Access to Kid Spot

- The Kid Spot is reserved for children, their parents or caregivers, and individuals actively using the children's collection or attending programs.
- Adults who are not accompanying children and do not require immediate access to children's materials will be asked to relocate to another section of the library.

Behavior Expectations

- Visitors must follow general library policies and behave respectfully to maintain a positive environment.
- Disruptive, unsafe, or inappropriate behavior by children or adults is not permitted.
- Library staff have the authority to intervene if disruptive behavior is observed. Failure to comply with library policies may result in removal from the library or other necessary actions.

By adhering to these guidelines, we can ensure a safe and welcoming library experience for all children and families.

