



Safety of Minors Policy

The Joliet Public Library welcomes the use of its facilities and services by children of all ages. The Youth Services Department is an area designated for children, teenagers and their caregivers. Adults without children are asked to utilize the spaces and resources of the Adult Services Department.

Staff members are committed to:

- helping children find materials for school and for recreation.
- providing an environment that encourages learning and exploration.
- planning programs that inform and enrich.

Staff members are also committed to the well-being and safety of children, but they cannot provide supervision of young people at the Library. The Library assumes neither responsibility nor liability for the actions, supervision, or safety of minors.

Parents and caregivers may not leave children under age 10 unattended in the Library. All children under 10 must be accompanied and directly supervised by a responsible caregiver at least 14 years old. Disruptive children, attended or unattended, may be asked to leave the building.

If a child is unsupervised, attempts will be made to locate a parent or caregiver. If a parent or caregiver is in the Library, they will be directed to stay with and supervise their child. A child without a responsible caregiver at least 14 years old will not be allowed to stay in the Library. If a child is still in the Library after closing and staff are unable to contact a parent or caregiver, police will be asked to assist in the matter.