

Easton Public Library Policy on Child Behavior and Supervision

Adults and children alike are welcomed and encouraged to use the Easton Public Library. In order to maintain a safe, orderly, and proper environment for all Library users, the following guidelines regarding the supervision of children are in effect:

1. Parents and caregivers are responsible for the behavior, safety, and supervision of their children at all times while in the Library and on Library premises.
2. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. During story times and programs for preschoolers, adults must remain in the Library building.
3. Children must be in Grade 6 or above to be left alone in the Library. Otherwise, they must be accompanied by an individual age 13 or older at all times and in all areas of the Library.
4. Parents and caregivers should be aware of the Library's opening and closing times and make arrangements to meet and transport children who have been left unattended at the Library. The Library is not responsible for children outside the Library building.
5. If an unaccompanied child is in the Library 15 minutes prior to closing, staff may assist the child in telephoning to arrange transportation. If a child is not picked up at closing time, staff will call police for assistance or direct the child to the Police Department. If the police are notified when a parent or caregiver fails to pick up the child, it is considered 'risk of injury to a minor' and is a criminal offense.
6. Under no circumstances will a staff member transport children home or to any other destination.
7. Adults, children, and young adults are expected to respect Library property and other Library patrons. Restoration of damage to Library property resulting from any inappropriate behavior will be the responsibility of the perpetrator and/or their parent/guardian. Disruptive or inappropriate behavior will result in the individual(s) being asked to leave the Library premises. Parents/guardians and/or the Easton Police Department will be notified as deemed necessary by Library staff.
8. Parents and caregivers should be aware that the behavior of young children may at times be disturbing to other patrons. In this event, staff may request that they temporarily remove their children from the Library to ease the situation and resolve the problem.

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