

Ila. CHILD SAFETY POLICY

The South Burlington Library welcomes children of all ages to enjoy library facilities and services. However, staff members are not licensed to provide basic child care or to supervise children. The library assumes no responsibility for children of any age left unattended at the library. Parents/legal guardians assume all responsibility for the welfare and safety of their children. In order to optimize a safe environment for children:

- Children under 12 years old must be accompanied at all times by a parent or caregiver who is at least 16 years old and able to attend to the child's needs.
- Children 12 years or older may use the library unaccompanied by an adult or caregiver, subject to the library rules of conduct.
- At library closing, if a child under 14 is expecting to be picked up by a caregiver and that adult does not show up, and if the child informs library staff of this situation, they will try to contact the caregiver. If the caregiver cannot be reached and 15 minutes have elapsed since closing, library staff will notify University Mall security who may call the South Burlington police to pick up the child. If the child leaves the premises with law enforcement or University Mall security, a note will be left on the library door.

** Parents should be aware that there are no public restrooms in the South Burlington Public Library space. Any patron and unaccompanied child who wishes to use the bathroom must use facilities located in the University Mall space located some distance from the library entrance.*

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