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PUBLIC LIBRARY

## **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. Parents/legal guardians assume all responsibility for the welfare and safety of their children. In order to optimize a safe environment for children:

- "Children" refers to those under age 12 and "youth" refers to those age 12 to 15 years old.
- Children and youth of all ages are subject to the South Burlington Public Library Code of Conduct.
- Children 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.
- Youths may use the library unaccompanied by an adult or caregiver, subject to the Library Rules of Conduct.
- Children must be picked up from the library before the library closes. At library closing, if a child 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 may call the South Burlington police to pick up the child. If the child leaves the premises with law enforcement, a note will be left on the library door.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring use of the internet and library collections for their children.
- Library staff will not provide information about the physical presence of children or youth in the library as noted in the Library Privacy Policy.
- Photographing, filming, or recording anyone under 18 in the library is not permitted without written permission from a parent or guardian.