



## McCulloch Children's Room Behavior Policy

HELP US ENSURE A CLEAN, SAFE, WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

The library staff and Trustees have ensured that Barrington Public Library is a warm and inviting place for children to develop a love of reading, learning and libraries. McCulloch Children's Room contains a wide range of educational materials, toys, and programs appropriate for children birth through grade 5. Parents, guardians or other caregivers are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children. Respect for other library users and library staff members shall be maintained at all times. Individuals who do not respect the following expectations may be asked to leave the library, have library privileges suspended, or be subject to legal action.

- All children under the age of 10 must be accompanied and continually supervised by a parent or caregiver.
- Children between the ages of 10 and 12 may be left unattended for up to 2 hours, at the discretion of their parent and/or guardian to complete homework assignments or special projects.
- Unattended children of age must know how to reach their parent(s) or guardian, and should be picked up at least 15 minutes prior to the library's scheduled closing time. If a child is not picked up within 5 minutes after the library closes and there has been unsuccessful attempts in reaching a parent or guardian, we reserve the right to contact the Barrington Police Department.
- Parents or caregivers, not the library staff, are responsible for the actions and safety of children visiting the library.
- Disruptive behavior, such as shouting, running, pushing, climbing on furniture, use of profanity and throwing things will not be tolerated.
- Patrons who continue disruptive behavior will be asked to leave.
- Proper attire and footwear is required at all times.
- Animals, except for guide or assistance animals, are not permitted.
- Beverages in covered containers are permitted; food is not.
- Bottle feeding and breastfeeding is permitted.
- Please limit cell phone use to ensure children are properly supervised.
- The use of Face Time and Speaker Phone is disruptive to others. Please refrain from using these features during your visit.
- While we welcome patrons of all ages, the McCulloch Children's Room is predominantly for children accompanied by adults. There are plenty of adult-friendly spaces on the library's main floor.

- In accordance with the library's Internet Use Policy, we strongly encourage parents to monitor and supervise their children's computer use while in the Children's Room.
- OSL library card holders are given two hours access to the public access computers per day.
- Temporary passes, not to exceed one hour per day, will be provided to library users without an OSL library card.
- Please tidy up and leave the McCulloch Children's Room as you found it.

Approved by the Library Board of Trustees, March 21, 2019.