



## **Peterborough Town Library Children's Area Policy**

The Peterborough Town Library is committed to providing an inviting and safe space for children, their parents and guardians, and other adults doing research with children's literature.

### **Guidelines:**

Patrons of all ages are welcome to browse and check out materials from the children's collection.

All Youth Department furniture, materials, services, and computers are intended for the use of young people under the age of 14 and others needing children's materials and services.

Priority will be given to the youth department's targeted age. Adults may be asked by library staff to use the facilities, services, and furnishings in the adult sections of the library.

The Library reserves the right to utilize the Children's area for programming and events.

Parents have the right and responsibility to choose materials for their families. Librarians do not monitor the items checked out by any of our patrons regardless of age. (See Youth Library Card handout.)

Parent, guardians, teachers and caregivers must be close at hand and may not leave children alone or in the care of other children who are unable or unwilling to provide adequate care. An unattended child is a child of any age who is apparently unaccompanied by a responsible adult. (See Safe Child Policy.)

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