



Safe Child Policy

The Carmel Clay Public Library welcomes people of all ages and strives to provide a comfortable and safe environment. However, staff cannot assume the responsibility for a child's care. The behavior and welfare of children are the responsibility of the parents, guardians, or caregivers accompanying the child/children to the library.

Children in grade 5 and below must have a supervising caregiver (parent, guardian, or other caregiver aged 16 or older) on library premises. Children in kindergarten or younger must be supervised and within sightlines of their caregiver. Exceptions may be made for library programs that have been designed for children to attend on their own.

Children in grade 6 and above may use the library unaccompanied but may be asked to leave if exhibiting inappropriate behavior. If a child in this age group is not able to leave the library without an adult, they should not be in the library unsupervised.

If a child is being disruptive, is left unattended when the library is ready to close, or is deemed to be at risk of coming to harm, every effort will be made to locate the responsible parent, guardian, or caregiver. If necessary, appropriate law enforcement will be notified for assistance.

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