

LA GRANGE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

SAFE CHILD POLICY

The trustees and staff of the La Grange Park Public Library hope that children will find our Library to be an inviting and fun place to visit. We encourage children and their families to come to our Library, take advantage of the resources available, and develop a love of reading and libraries.

In order to provide an environment that allows everyone to use the Library in a safe manner, the Board of Library Trustees has adopted this policy concerning unattended children.

Children under the age of 6 shall be accompanied by a parent or caregiver, who is at least 12 years of age, except when participating in supervised library programs.

A child with special challenges related to physical or mental ability, inconsistent behavior patterns, or emotional problems must be supervised at all times.

To ensure a pleasant and productive environment for all patrons, to keep children safe, and to prevent damage to library materials, parents should be certain their children know the appropriate behavior for a public library and are prepared to be alone in a busy, public place.

Library staff members are responsible for providing the best possible service to all patrons and, therefore, cannot supervise unattended children. The La Grange Park Public Library assumes no responsibility for children left unattended at the Library.

Children who are disruptive will be asked to leave the building. They may not return that day, but are welcome on other days. When the safety of an unattended child is in doubt, staff will attempt to contact the parents or caregivers. If they cannot be reached or are not readily available, staff will contact the La Grange Park Police Department.