Rye Free Reading Room

Children's Room Policy

The Rye Free Reading Room's Children's Room welcomes children of all ages, parents, caregivers and teachers. The Children's Room offers babies, toddlers, children through 5th grade and their parents, caregivers and teachers a variety of print and audio visual materials to borrow from the library. Enriching programs are held throughout the year to encourage a love of books, reading and to inspire an interest in the cultural and natural world.

In the interests of the safety of children who use the Rye Free Reading Room, this code of conduct outlines acceptable behavior for the use of the Children's Room. It should be noted that all rules detailed in the Rye Free Reading Room Code of Conduct apply to the Children's Room. However, the Rye Free Reading Room recognizes that allowances need to be made for children.

1. All children under the age of 7 must have an adult or a responsible person 13 years or older with them at all times while they are anywhere in the Library.

2. The Library is not responsible for children who are left unattended on Library premises. Unattended children are children of any age who are apparently unaccompanied by a parent, guardian, and/or responsible caregiver in the Library. Parents, guardians and/or caregivers are solely responsible for the safety and behavior of their children.

3. The children's area of the Library is reserved for children, their parents or responsible adult caregivers. Adults unaccompanied by a child will be asked to move to another part of the library unless using the Children's collection of library materials or seeking assistance from library staff.

4. Appropriate behavior (respect for Library patrons, property and Staff) is expected by children in the Library. Disruptive children will receive one warning from the Children's Librarian. If in the librarian's judgment, the child continues to be disruptive or act inappropriately, then the child's parents will be notified and the child will be asked to leave.

Computer Access

The Children's Room has computers available for use by children. Early Literacy computers have educational games for young children, and homework computers are for homework help for older children. The homework computers have Microsoft Office and have Internet access. All of the Internet computers are connected to a color laser printer. Printing is free, but limited to 5 pages. To use any of these computers, you must be in the 5th grade or younger and sign up with the children's librarian.

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