

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 a variety of print and audio visual materials to borrow from babies to children in grade five and their parents, caregivers and teachers.

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.

- 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.
- 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. If a child under the age of 7 is found unattended in the library, a member of the Children's Room staff will make a reasonable attempt to reach a parent or caregiver. If staff are unsuccessful, or a responsible caregiver is unable to pick up the child within a reasonable amount of time, the child will be trusted to the care of the Rye Police Department.
- The children's area of the Library is reserved for children, their parents or responsible adult caregivers. Out of concern for the safety of young patrons, adults who are unaccompanied by a child or children in the children's area of the Library may be questioned by staff, and may be asked to move to another area of the Library.
- 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.

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