

River Forest Public Library Child Safety Policy

RFPL welcomes the use of its facilities and services by children. However, RFPL is a public building, and as such, is not necessarily a safe place to leave a child unattended. RFPL does not assume responsibility for the safety of children under the age of 18, as this authority ultimately lies with the parent/guardian. Parents, guardians, and caregivers (“Chaperones”) are responsible for the safety and actions of those children whom they are supervising while those children are at RFPL. Chaperones must be age twelve or older.

While at RFPL, children under the age of 5 years old must be in the immediate supervising vicinity of a Chaperone.

While at RFPL, children between the ages of 5 and 8 years old must be accompanied by a Chaperone including, but not limited to, during any programs provided for this age group.

Children 8 years of age or older may use RFPL without a Chaperone, provided they adhere to the Patron Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian or caregiver to know the hours of RFPL and to pick up their child before RFPL closes.

The Board authorizes RFPL management to establish and implement procedures to address issues affecting children while those children are at RFPL.

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