

# SCHULTZ-HOLMES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## **Child Safety Policy**

### Objective:

1. To provide a safe and comfortable environment for library patrons, particularly children, engaged in information gathering, entertainment and recreational activities reasonably associated with a public library and in keeping with the mission statement of the Schultz-Holmes Memorial library. The library is a public place and endeavors to provide equal access to all patrons.
2. To ensure the safety of children while they are on library property or using library materials and equipment.

While the library welcomes children to the library at a young age and encourages children to use the library and all its resources to the fullest, the library is not an appropriate provider of child care. While we take every precaution to ensure the safety and comfort of children, no staff member has been trained to provide child care.

Children under 6 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible, competent person capable of contacting the child's parents or guardians while on library property, participating in library activities, or using library internet or telephone connections.

Children 6-12 should be accompanied to and from the library by a responsible, competent person capable of contacting the child's parents or guardians. The responsible person should remain aware of library closing times and arrive before closing to pick up the child. In the event that an unaccompanied child remains at the library at closing, particularly if it is dark or there are other safety concerns, the library staff, at its discretion, may, in the interest of the child's safety, call the Blissfield Police Department to pick up the child. Library staff is not responsible for the child other than waiting with the child until the police arrive.

Patrons who violate this policy or who encourage the violation of this policy by others will be asked to stop and may be asked to leave the building and/or to terminate electronic or wireless connections immediately. The Blissfield Police Department may be requested at the discretion of library staff.

All Library staff (and the library board on appeal) are empowered to interpret the provisions of this policy. Repeated violations of any aspect of this policy may result in the suspension of library use rights and privileges. The length of suspension will be determined by library staff and will be reviewed by the library director. All appeals must be made in writing, first, to the library director and, then, to the library board.

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