
Smiths Falls Public Library



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The Children's Department provides services and materials for children from pre-school through eighth grade, their parents and other adults who work with children. To maintain a safe environment in the Children's Department the following policy is in effect:

1. Children under the age of 6 may not be left unattended in any department in the library.
2. All children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible person at least 12 years of age.
3. Children aged 10 or older will be treated as unattended children should they still be present at the library at closing time.
4. When children under age 6 attend programs, an adult must remain in the vicinity of the program for its duration.
5. Children-aged 6 to 9 attending a library program must have an adult remain in the library until the program begins and have the adult return prior to the scheduled end of the program.
6. Parents/guardians are responsible for their children's behaviour while in the library.