

## Policy 400.0: Children in the Library

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Salem-South Lyon District Library is dedicated to providing a welcoming environment that encourages children to visit the Library, attend programs, and use the Library's collection and technology. Library staff are available to assist and support children in using the Library. Library staff cannot provide child care or assume responsibility for children's safety. Parents, guardians, teachers, caregivers, or chaperones are responsible for the behavior and safety of children under their supervision at the Library.

Children, like all library users, are required to respect library property and act in a manner appropriate to the use and function of the Library. Children are expected to comply with all SSLDL policies including the Library's Code of Behavior (see policy 410.0).

Parents or caregivers of children under age seven must be responsible for and in the presence of their child at all times except when the child is attending library programs as designated; parents or caregivers of children 7 – 11 years old must remain on the Library's premises but not necessarily in visual contact. In the event that a parent or responsible caregiver cannot be located, local authorities may be contacted via the non-emergency number.