

Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library's
Policy on Children in the Library

To promote a safe and secure environment for children who use the library, we ask parents to join with us in protecting children from harm. The following are some things to consider when children are in the library:

1. Children can hurt themselves and others when they run, jump, or climb on library furniture or shelving. Please help prevent injuries by watching your child at all times. Children under seven years of age must be supervised at all times while in the library.
2. Parents should be aware that there are areas of the library that are not supervised. For safety and security reasons, young children should never be left unattended.
3. Please help us maintain our computers by supervising all children under the age of 7 while they are using them.
4. Your children are sharing the library with many other library users, some of whom need and expect a quiet library. Please be aware that the level of noise which parents are accustomed to may not be acceptable to others. Quiet voices are encouraged.
5. School-age children are welcome to use the library at all times. However, the library is not a good substitute for supervised daycare or after-school activities.
6. Please be sure you know the library hours and promptly pick up your child before the library closes. If a child has not been picked up by closing time, and the parent or guardian cannot be reached, at least two staff members will stay with the child for a maximum of ten minutes. If the parent or guardian has not arrived by this time, the police will be called and the child will be treated as abandoned by law enforcement.
7. All children are encouraged to take part in library programming aged at their age group, including storytime and the summer reading program. While participating, however, children should follow the directions of library staff. Failure to do so will result in the child not being allowed to participate in other programs.
8. We encourage our young patrons to play with the games, toys, computer software and puzzles available in the Children's Area, but ask that caregivers be responsible for returning items to their proper location on the shelves.
9. No childcare businesses may use the library for childcare only. No childcare business may be conducted at the library.

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