Children's and Teen Area Use

Introduction:

Salem Public Library is committed to providing an inviting, safe space for youth that is responsive to their needs. The Children's and Teen areas of the Library are specifically designed to serve the needs of younger library users. The Children's area is intended for children (infants through grade 5) and their parent(s) or caregiver(s). The teen area is intended for teens (grades 6-12) and their parent(s) or caregiver(s).

Practice:

Children's Area:

Parents and guardians are welcome in the Children's area when accompanied by children and/or to attend a program with their child.

If an unaccompanied adult requires access to the children's collection, we ask that they limit their use to 15 minutes. Adults not fitting this description will be asked to leave the area. Library staff may make exceptions to the 15 minute time limit for unaccompanied adults who are (student) teachers, daycare providers or others who require access to the children's collection for research or other educational purposes.

Gaming and internet computers in the Children's area are reserved exclusively for use by children and/or teens. Adults who are supervising children and/or teens in the Children's area are free to use catalog computers and/or personal devices only.

Children's programs are held for the instruction and enjoyment of children and their caregivers. Adults attending programs without children may be asked to leave.

Teen Area:

Parents and guardians are welcome in the Teen area when accompanied by children and/or to attend a program with their child.

If an unaccompanied adult requires access to the Teen area, we ask that they limit their use to 15 minutes. Adults not fitting this description will be asked to leave the area. Library staff may make exceptions to the 15 minute time limit for unaccompanied adults who are (student) teachers, daycare providers or others who require access to the teen collection for research or other educational purposes.

Gaming and internet computers in the Teen area are reserved exclusively for use by teens. Adults who are supervising children and/or teens in the Teen area are free to use catalog computers and/or personal devices only.

Teen programs are held for the instruction and enjoyment of teens and/or their caregivers. Adults attending programs without teens may be asked to leave.