

## **CONRAD PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY: CHILDREN**

Children and their safety are of great concern to the Conrad Public Library. We encourage families and youth to use the Library, and while doing so, affirm the parents' and/or caregivers' responsibility for their child's safety and behavior.

Library staff do not act as child care providers or disciplinarians.

The following policy was developed to maintain a safe environment for our children. These rules are subject to the discretion of the Library staff, who may apply them to children other than the ages stated below, if deemed necessary.

- Children ages five (5) years-old and under are required to have a parent or responsible caregiver in their line of sight at all times inside the Library.
- Children ages six (6) to ten (10) years-old are required to have a parent or responsible caregiver with them inside the Library, unless the child is registered in and participating in a Library program.
- Children ages eleven (11) years-old and over are not required to have a parent or responsible caregiver with them inside the Library, but should have the phone number of a parent or responsible caregiver who can be contacted in case of emergency.

All children will be expected to conduct themselves appropriately at the Library. Parents will be notified if a child is not following the Library's Patron Conduct Policy. If the Library staff is concerned about the safety and welfare of a child, they may contact the Conrad Police Department for assistance.

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