

Behavior Guidance Policy for Juvenile Patrons

The Durham Public Library strives to provide a safe, educational, and enjoyable place for children to explore the world of books and information. For the protection and well-being of children, please note the following:

- Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or caregiver at *all times*. Parents and/or caregivers are asked to remain in the children's area when accompanying children under the age of 10.
- Parents or caregivers 12 or older are responsible for supervising juveniles under their care and for ensuring their compliance with the [Durham Public Library Code of Conduct](#).
- At the discretion of a responsible adult, a child aged 10 or older may be left unattended in the Library. The child must know how to reach the responsible adult should the need arise.
- Should a juvenile violate the rules of the *Durham Public Library Code of Conduct*, they may be asked to leave the building for the day. Children will be permitted to call their parent(s) for transportation from the Library.
- Parents or caregivers must stay in the Library building while children who are under the age of 10 are attending library-sponsored programs. The Library does not provide supervision for unattended children under the age of 10.
- Children and their caregivers should be aware of the closing times of the library. Unattended juveniles will be afforded every opportunity to call a parent/guardian upon Library closing.

Objections to Library Resources

The Library will review, consider and respond to all comments and questions about library materials, services, programming, and policy, although greater weight may be given to the requests of eligible cardholders, who are the Library's constituents. Any individual who wishes to provide comments or questions about any item(s) in the collection or the services and programs the Library provides to the community should complete a [REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF A LIBRARY RESOURCE FORM](#). Requests for reconsideration will be reviewed by the Director who will respond to the requesting individual in writing within thirty days with a decision on the request.