



St. Philip's College

Learning Resource Center

Policy for Children and Teenagers Visiting the Library

Parents/care givers should feel free to bring their children to our facilities. We are interested in the safety and welfare of children; we expect parents/care givers to abide by our policies regarding children (0-12) and teenagers (13-17) visiting the library. The policies and Junior Patron Form are available at the Circulation Desk. With the SPC LRC Junior library card children/teenagers may borrow two (2) items at a time. Parents must sign a release form before children and teenagers may use the computers (release is on the Junior Patron Form). Please Note: In the event of an emergency or unusual situation, all children should have the telephone number of a responsible adult to call. If it is not safe for children to leave the library alone, they should not be left alone in the library.

Supervision

Parents/caregivers are responsible for watching and controlling their children in the library. Undesirable behavior will result in the patron not being allowed into the LRC. The length of the loss of privileges will depend on the discretion of the librarian. Appeals may be written to the LRC Dean.

Children 12 and Under

If a child is 12 or under, a parent/caregiver must be in the same area of the library as the child. If taking the place of a parent, the care giver must be at least 15 years of age and must have emergency contact information. If a child 12 or under is found unattended or violates the rules of conduct, the parent/caregiver will be reminded of the rules and is expected to see that the rules are obeyed. At any time, under the discretion of the librarian in charge, the child, children, teenager (s) or family may be asked to leave the library.

Teenagers Age 13 and Up

Teenagers age 13 and up may use the library on their own. Parents, however, are still responsible for the actions and safety of their teenagers. Teenagers are subject to the same rules of conduct and consequences as other library users, including being asked to leave the library.

Law Enforcement Action

It may be necessary to notify appropriate law enforcement or child protective authorities if:

an unattended child is being disruptive

a child left unattended for a long period of time

a child is deemed to be at risk of harm (as in the case of a child being left alone when the library closes)

Computers

Children and teenagers should have a Junior Patron (JP) and Internet Use Form with signed permission to use the Internet on file at the Circulation Desk. They should also have a library card with a pink stripe.