

Red Feather Mountain Library District

Children's Safety Policy

Adopted by the Red Feather Mountain Library District Board of Trustees July 26, 2022

1-Children play a significant role in the use and operations of Red Feather Lakes Community Library. We believe that providing a first start with reading materials, juvenile-oriented DVDs and other viewing material, games, science/technology/nature kits and other age-related materials is critical in developing informed, well-rounded, responsible adults. Children's programming has equally high priority.

2-Children's library visits should be safe, warm, comforting, illuminating, and productive.

3-We encourage parents to attend the library with their children. Younger children (eight or under) should be accompanied by a parent or other responsible guardian. The library is a public space, and a guardian should be present to monitor use, resources, behavior, and comfortable interactions with other library users.

4-At the close of library hours staff will ensure that children have the means of pickup or other accommodation of reaching home. Telephone calls and other means of communication with parents or authorized guardians are necessary. In the case of a parent being unable to reach the library on time, the library will remain open until other arrangements can be made. At extreme, this may include consultation with Larimer County Social Services or the Sheriff's Office.

5-Use and borrowing of library materials is a parental responsibility.

6-Library staff or volunteers will not individually transport children.

7-A parental contact sign-out sheet will be used for those dropping off children at a library-sponsored event and used to ensure appropriate child pickup.

8-Signed parental release forms are required for enrolled programs or out-of-library programming.

9-Cameras will be installed within and without the library to ensure that proper security is maintained, including the outside children's play areas.

10-Library staff and volunteers must satisfactorily complete a criminal background check and sex-offender list check before beginning operations with the library.

11-Children's programming will be conducted by at least two authorized library staff members and/or volunteers. Participant's parents are also authorized to assist appropriately at the direction of library staff.

12-Private, one-on-one interactions between library staff, volunteers and children are prohibited.

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