



## MARCELLUS FREE LIBRARY

<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>Children in the Library</b>		
<b>Section #:</b>		<b>Section Title:</b>	<b>Public Space</b>
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### Policy Statement

The Marcellus Free Library is a valuable community resource of materials, information services, and programs. These rules provide some general guidelines within which children, parents and caregivers can use the Library safely and effectively.

### The Policy

The library has the following expectations for children while using the library:

- Children under the age of 8 must be attended by a parent or a responsible childcare provider while in the library.
- Parents and caregivers are responsible for their children's behavior, even when they are not present.
- Do not run or shout while in the Library.
- Food and drink are not permitted outside of the café area.
- Please pick up the toys before you leave the children's area.
- Parents and caregivers are responsible for the supervision of their children.

Self-supervised youth, aged 8 and up, are welcome to use the library as long as they observe general rules of conduct.

For safety's sake, parents should make sure that their children are sufficiently mature before allowing them to visit the library by themselves.

For safety reasons, the Library will have a minimum of two adults at all programs for children.

If the Library is closing and there are children left in the building without a caregiver, the Library staff will make every effort to locate the parent or caregiver to pick up the child. Failing that, the police department will be called, and the situation transferred to that agency.