

Unaccompanied Children in Murray Library

Murray Library welcomes children accompanying a parent or adult caregiver, but parents or adult caregivers should be aware that the library's collection of materials and unfiltered Internet access are designed to meet the research and curricular needs of its primary users: the students, faculty and staff of Messiah College. Furthermore, Messiah College's Library is open to the public, a situation that can present risks to children. For these reasons, parents or the adult caregivers must recognize their responsibilities for the safety and security of children in their care, and for monitoring exposure to materials they may consider inappropriate to children.

Please Note:

Children under 12 must be under the supervision of an adult* who assumes responsibility for them while in the library.

Parents and adult caregivers must monitor all activities and behavior of their children while they are in the library and are responsible for any damage to property done by the child.

Library computers are to be used in accordance with the Campus Computer Use Policies. Please note that the Library has unfiltered Internet access.

Any person creating a disturbance, regardless of age, may be asked to leave the library. If the person involved is underage, Public Safety will be called to take custody of him/her.

If an unaccompanied child is in the library at closing, staff will notify Public Safety, working with them to locate a guardian and remaining with the child until s/he is picked up by an officer.

If an unattended child is injured or becomes ill while in the library, staff cannot authorize medical care for the child and Public Safety may be notified.

**An adult is defined as a person who is at least age 18.*

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