



## Unaccompanied Adult Policy

Melrose Public Library is committed to providing an inviting, age appropriate and separate space for children and teens to engage in individual and group activities responsive to their needs and has established the Children's Room for this purpose. The Children's and Teen Rooms provide resources specifically for children and teens.

The Children's and Teen Rooms at the Melrose Public Library are intended for the use of pre-school, kindergarten and grade school children, middle and high school students, their parents or responsible caregivers, and adults such as teachers and students teaching/taking children's literature classes. Adults and older children with special needs more appropriate to the Children's Room may use this space, at the discretion of the library staff. Adults or older children (middle or high school) who are unaccompanied by a child or children in the Children's Room may be questioned by staff and may be asked to use to another area of the Library.

Adults who are in the Children's Room for the purpose of seeing the space are welcome to look around at the resources we offer for our youngest patrons, but are encouraged not to linger in the general children's area.

Adults who are unaccompanied by a teen in the Teen Room may be questioned by staff and may be asked to use another area of the Library. Younger children who are unaccompanied by a teen in the Teen Room may be asked to relocate to the Children's Room. Please refer to the Safe Child Policy for more information about younger children's use of the library and required supervision.

This policy reflects the library's concern for the safety of children in the library and the need for children and teens to have their own space in which they feel comfortable. Children are the responsibility of their parents or legitimate guardians at all times. Library staff cannot be responsible for the safety or behavior of children.

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