



# Unaccompanied Adult Policy

Melrose Public Library is committed to providing an inviting, age appropriate and separate space for children to engage in individual and group activities responsive to their needs and has established the Children's Room for this purpose. The Children's Room provides resources specifically for children, including computers with Internet Access for children under 13 years of age and their accompanying caregivers, and regular and special programs targeting the needs of specific age groups.

The Children's Room at the Melrose Public Library is intended for the use of pre-school, kindergarten and grade school children, 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 attending an adult program in the meeting room 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.

This policy reflects the library's concern for the safety of children in the library. 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.

Approved by the Board of Trustees of Melrose Public Library  
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