

# Children in the Library

**Welcome to the American Library in Paris!**

**Thank you for becoming an annual member, or for just enjoying the Library for the day. Please familiarize yourselves with the following policies so that you may contribute to the vibrant, welcoming, and comfortable environment we strive to provide for all Library users.**



Children must adhere to the same terms and conditions as all members and users, as well as the following specific to them and their parent(s) or guardian(s):

- **Parent(s) and guardian(s) are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children when in the Library.**
- All members, regardless of age, must badge in to enter the Library. Please supervise children at the glass entry security gates.
- Children **under the age of 6** must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times while on the Library premises. Beyond the literary discoveries awaiting them, the Library offers young, inquisitive minds irresistible opportunities to explore the Library space: the elevator, the stairways to the mezzanine and lower levels, and the glass doors leading out of the building.
- Children **between the ages of 6 and 11** may be left in the Children's Library while attending a program, as long as a guardian is readily available on the Library premises.
- **Children 12 and older** may use the Library's services and facilities unaccompanied. However, they must be able to contact a guardian quickly and guardian(s) must be aware of and respect the Library's operating hours.
- When **children 12 and older** attend Library programs, guardian(s) must arrange for prompt pick-up at its conclusion, or authorize their child to leave the Library unaccompanied.
- Please supervise children when using the kiosks. All items checked out on a household account are the responsibility of the cardholder as indicated on the Membership Application.
- Children may use the Library's public computers. Access to the internet is unrestricted, and certain content may be objectionable to guardian(s); it is their responsibility to educate their children on the use of the Internet if their child is using the public computers. The Library assumes no responsibility for content found on the Internet.
- Assist children when using the catalog stations, which are delicate and dedicated to catalog searches only.
- Running is not allowed and children should be encouraged to use their Library voices.
- Library staff members are not authorized to transport or accompany children off the premises.
- If a problem or issue arises with a child of any age, and staff is unable to locate a guardian, the police will be called at the staff's discretion. This also applies to children found alone in the Library at closing time.