



LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY	10 AM — 6 PM
TUESDAY	10 AM — 8 PM
WEDNESDAY	10 AM — 6 PM
THURSDAY	10 AM — 8 PM
FRIDAY	10 AM — 6 PM
SATURDAY	10 AM — 5 PM
SUNDAY	1 PM — 5 PM



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WELCOME IN THE LIBRARY

Note to Parents and
Caregivers of Children
and Vulnerable Adults



Safety

The San Juan Island Library is a public place, open to all people. Children and vulnerable adults left alone are at risk and should be supervised by a mature, capable parent or guardian.

What the Library Does

The San Juan Island Library welcomes children and vulnerable adults in the Library. We strive to provide a safe, appropriate environment for different age groups, including small children.

Library staff are trained to assist patrons in using Library materials, services, and programs.

Library staff are not responsible for supervising children and vulnerable adults left alone while on Library property. This is not the Library's role.

The policy on children and vulnerable adults in the Library is not intended to be restrictive. The policy was adopted to ensure the general safety and well-being of these patrons.

Responsibilities

Parents and Caregivers:

Parents and caregivers are responsible for their children's safety, comfort, and behavior while on Library property.

Toddlers and Preschoolers

- Are encouraged to use the Children's section in the Library
- Must be supervised by a responsible caregiver at all times while in the Library
- Must be accompanied by a caregiver to attend Library programs such as Storytimes and Family Film Nights

Older Children and Teens

Elementary school-age children and teens may use the Library unattended for an amount of time appropriate to their age and maturity.

Children and teens must follow the same rules as adults, or they may be asked to leave the Library for the day. Quiet play is fine. Running or loud play disturbs others.



Protection

Parents and caregivers must be familiar with the Library's hours and pick up their children before closing time.

Please ensure that your minor child or vulnerable adult under your care has ways to contact you in case of an emergency.

People of any age whose mental, physical, or emotional conditions affect their behavior and decision making skills must be accompanied by a parent or capable caregiver at all times.

When The Library Intervenes

Library staff will intervene when an unsupervised child or vulnerable adult is:

- Frightened, crying, or confused
- In danger or acting dangerously toward others
- Not following Library rules
- Not met by a caregiver at closing time

Library staff will evaluate the situation and attempt to contact a parent or guardian. In circumstances that give Library staff cause for concern, staff may contact the sheriff.

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