

Safe Child Policy

Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library

The Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library provides an array of services to children from preschool age to middle school age. The library offers story hours, internet access, tours, and advice on books to read, along with other educational and entertaining programs. The children's collections at the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library Main Library and in the branch libraries hold a wide assortment of fiction, folktale, picture books, nonfiction, audiovisual materials, reference materials, and public computers. Library children's rooms and resources are reserved for children, their parents, guardians, teachers, and caregivers, and people accessing children's materials.

1. Parents or guardians are responsible for the behavior of their children in the library at all times. Parents/guardians and children are reminded that the library is a public place open and welcoming to all.
2. Children under 8 years of age must be supervised by a person 14 years of age or older.
3. Children 8 years of age and older must know how to contact a parent or guardian.
4. If a problem arises with a child of any age and the staff is unable to locate a parent/guardian, the police may be called at the discretion of the library staff or security.
5. If a child remains at the library after closing and the staff is unable to locate a parent/guardian, the police may be called at the discretion of the library staff or security.
6. In the case of a missing child, the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library and its branches follow the Code Adam Procedure [<http://codeadam.missingkids.org/>]. A Code Adam is a special alert issued to staff that includes procedures to be followed when a caregiver reports a missing child at one of our locations. All staff are trained to take immediate action to help safely locate and reunite the child with their caregivers.

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