

Calhoun County Library

CHILD SAFETY POLICY

October 21, 2025

Child Safety Policy Overview

The Calhoun County Library System (hereinafter the "Library") has established this policy for the safety and protection of all juvenile patrons. The Library firmly believes it is the right and responsibility of parents and guardians to supervise and direct the actions of their children at all times. This also applies to use of library materials, library facilities, and when attending library-sponsored programs. The Library is not responsible or capable of governing the behavior, activities, or actions of children within the Library.

1. OVERVIEW AND AUTHORITY

The Library Board approves all policies regarding patron behavior within the Library. As part of that responsibility, the Board delegates enforcement of such policies to the Library Director.

2. RULES REGARDING CHILD SAFETY

Primary and principal responsibility for child safety is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian of the child. To that end, the following rules must be enforced:

- a. For all ages, there will be no running, standing on furniture, yelling, being disruptive, or physical violence to self, other patrons, or library property. *Disruptive is defined as degrading the experience/enjoyment of other patrons. Violence is causing physical harm or threat of harm to another patron or object.*
- b. Children five (5) years old and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while in the Library.
- c. Children six (6) to ten (10) years old must have a parent or guardian within the building.
- d. Children eleven (11) and older that are unattended by a parent or guardian must have a means of communicating with their parent or guardian.
- e. Children that are disruptive or violent will be asked to leave if eleven years old or older.
- f. Parents or guardians of younger children who are disruptive or violent will be asked once to stop the behavior. If the behavior continues, then the parent or guardian and child will be asked to leave the Library.
- g. There will be no cell phone use during library programs.

Approved by: Caroline H. James Date: 10/21/25
Mrs. Caroline James, Chairman
Calhoun County Board of Trustees