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Title:	Children's Area Appropriate Use Policy
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Purpose:

The Marathon County Public Library welcomes people of all ages to use its facilities and services. In an effort to ensure the safety and well being of children, ensure use of Children's Services consistent with our mission and maintain an atmosphere of constructive library use, the following policy regarding appropriate use of the Children's Area is adopted.

Note: Marathon County Public Library Branches will apply the spirit of this policy in their own unique children's areas.

Policy:

1. The materials, services, computers and equipment in the Marathon County Public Library Children's area are intended for the use of children, their parents and caregivers, and others needing children's materials and services for some specific purpose. All other customers are asked to use the adult areas of the library.
2. Appropriate use of the Children's area includes:
 - a. Use by children birth to age 12.
 - b. Use by a parent or caregiver while accompanying a child in the library. Parents and caregivers should be within sight or sound of the child in their care and assisting the child in using library resources.
 - c. Use by a teacher, day care provider, researcher, etc. in developing curricula or other resources related to children's literature or materials.
 - d. Tour groups, visiting librarians, library volunteers, teachers, city officials, trades people, or others visiting the Children's area for business-related purposes.
3. Staff is authorized to enforce this policy, and may request that any persons using the children's area inappropriately leave the area.