



It is the policy of the Basalt Regional Library District (BRLD) Board of Trustees to keep our youngest patrons safe while visiting the BRLD. Children of all ages are encouraged to use the library and its services.

- BRLD requires all patrons, regardless of age, to comply with the Patron Behavior Policy.
- BRLD requires all staff to comply with the Code of Conduct with Children statement in the Employee Handbook.
- Library staff are available to assist and support children with their use of Library resources, however, parents assume responsibility for the choices their children make regarding which library resources to access.
- The responsibility for the care, safety and behavior of children using BRLD facilities (including all indoor, outdoor, and off-site program settings) rests with the parent/guardian or caregiver. Staff will provide a welcoming, fun environment for children of all ages. Staff will not provide childcare or assume parental responsibility for children.
- The youth side of the library is intended for use by children, teens, and families. Staff may ask adults to leave the children's area of the library if the presence of the adult is inhibiting use by the intended audience.
- Parents are expected to keep sick children at home and not bring them to the library.
- Children whose behavior is not compliant with the BRLD Patron Behavior Policy may be asked to leave the library and/or off-site program setting. Children who are asked to leave will be given the opportunity to make a phone call to a parent or guardian to inform them of the circumstances, using the BRLD telephone if necessary. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached, the police may be called to pick up the child.
- Parents, guardians, and/or caregivers are responsible for knowing the scheduled closing times and should be aware that BRLD may close unexpectedly due to emergencies or safety issues.
- When the safety of an unattended child is in doubt, or if the library is closing and a parent, guardian, or other caregiver cannot be located, library staff will call the police for help addressing the situation. Two staff will stay with the child until an adult or the police arrive. Under no circumstance will staff transport young people home or to any other location. .
- Colorado State law protects the privacy of all individuals while visiting the library. The library will not monitor or share what materials children have checked out, or what they do while in the library, except in accordance with Colorado State law.