

## Guidelines for children visiting the Library



Children are welcome and encouraged to visit the Jemez Springs Public Library. Library staff is concerned with the safety and welfare of children on library property, but cannot assume the role of parent or caregiver. For these reasons, the guidelines summarized in this pamphlet have been developed to benefit children using our library facility.

## Unacceptable behaviors include but are not limited to:

1. Engaging in disruptive behavior such as shouting, persistent loud talking or other noise making, fighting, running, roving, throwing objects, etc.
2. Disruptive cell phone use.
3. Littering (including spilled liquids or food traces), damaging or vandalizing facility, equipment or materials
4. Removing library materials without properly checking them out.
5. Abandoning, neglecting or leaving young children unattended.
6. Harassing other patrons or staff, through physical, sexual or verbal abuse, including the use of offensive language.
7. Prolonged kissing, inappropriate touching of a sexual nature, or other sexual conduct.
8. Smoking or chewing tobacco.
9. Possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
11. Using restrooms and reading areas for other than their intended purpose.
12. Bringing non-service animals into the library.
13. Selling, soliciting or panhandling (approaching others with items for sale or pleas for donations.)
14. All acts which are subject to prosecution under criminal or civil codes of law or Village ordinance

## Jemez Springs Public Library

### Code of Conduct

Including guidelines for  
children in the library



### Library Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday: 10 am - 6 pm

Friday-Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

Closed for lunch: 1 pm – 1:30 pm

Phone: 575-829-9155

## Library Code of Conduct including Guidelines for Children visiting the library

### Library Code of Conduct

Individuals on library property or whose actions affect library property will behave in ways which show respect for themselves, for other library users, for the staff and property of the library.

Individuals will avoid behavior that is illegal or that may constitute a danger to themselves or others, or which threatens or damages library property.

The library will seek assistance as is necessary and reasonable from authorized personnel in seeing that appropriate behavior is maintained. This may include assistance from law enforcement officers.

To clarify the behavior expected by those on library property, the library will maintain guidelines which state current policy. Please, see list of unacceptable behavior.

### Children age eight and up

Children ages eight and over may use the library on their own; however, the library facility is not to be used as a substitute for childcare. Library staff cannot assume responsibility for the child and does not act in place of a parent or caregiver.

If a child wishes to leave the library, the staff cannot legally detain him or her.

Children are subject to the same rules as other library users. If an unattended child is requested to leave the premises, s/he will be encouraged to call a parent or guardian and inform them of the situation.

### Children under the age of eight

A child under the age of eight must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

### All children after hours

Library staff cannot assume responsibility for children left at the library after hours. This includes instances where:

-the library must close due to unusual weather or emergency situations, or

-parents/caregivers cannot be on time to collect a child

If a patron chooses not to follow the library code of conduct

- A reminder will be given to the patron that a behavior is not acceptable

- If a patron chooses to continue unacceptable behavior s/he will be asked to leave the library

- If the patron refuses to leave, the police may be called for assistance

Note that instances involving malicious destruction of property; physical violence threatening or executed; abusive language; or alcohol/illegal drug use may result in immediate removal with no warning