

# **YARMOUTH TOWN LIBRARIES**

## **CHILDREN IN THE LIBRARY POLICY**

**WELCOME!** Library programs and services encourage a love of books, reading and learning. We are happy to have you here, and we want you to know about the following Library policies:

**Supervision:** Children 10 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Children should know how to reach a responsible adult should a need arise. Library staff are not responsible for a child's supervision.

Please be aware of closing times of the Library and caregivers should arrange pick-up times accordingly. The Library's staff is not responsible for children who are not picked up by closing time. While every effort will be made to contact the parents/ guardians by phone, Library staff will neither drive unattended children home nor supervise them until a parent arrives.

Caregivers are liable for any damage done by their children to the facility.

**Use of Computers:** Yarmouth Town Libraries provide computers for public use.

**Library Cards:** Children of any age, with approval from a responsible adult, are eligible for a CLAMS library card. The CLAMS card entitles the borrower to borrow up to 50 items, including up to 10 DVDs per card. Caregivers of children 13 or younger are responsible for the fines or fees on youth cards. Caregivers will not have access to their child's account without the child's permission.

**Borrowing Privileges:** We have adopted the American Library Association (ALA) Library Bill of Rights (See Appendix). In this document it states "A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views." Library staff does not restrict the books, videos or other materials that children choose to borrow. Children have access to all materials in the Library. The Yarmouth Town Libraries encourage parents and caregivers to visit the Library with their children to guide them in their selections.

Approved by the Yarmouth Town Library Board  
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