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## SAFE CHILD POLICY

The Grayslake Area Public Library is committed to providing a welcoming and safe environment for patrons of all ages. The library is a public building open to all people. It is the responsibility of parents and caregivers to supervise and monitor the safety and behavior of their children at all times. Parents and caregivers, not the library, are responsible for their children while the children are in the library, regardless of whether the parent is in the library. Caregivers must be at least 18 years of age.

All patrons, regardless of age, are required to abide by all policies and rules of the Grayslake Area Public Library District.

A child of any age who has a medical condition requiring substantial monitoring must not be left alone in the library. Their parent or caregiver must be in the same department as the child at all times.

Children entering first grade or younger must be with their parent or caregiver at all times.

Children entering second through fifth grades need not be in the same department as the parent or caregiver. The parent or care-giver must remain in the library.

If a child entering fifth grade or younger is found alone in the building for more than two hours, library staff will attempt to contact their parent or caregiver. If the staff is unable to contact the parent, the Grayslake Police Department will be called to pick up the abandoned child.

If a child entering fifth grade or younger is found unattended in the building twice in one month, or a child under eighteen remains after closing twice in one month, the child may be denied use of the Library for a period of time determined by the Library Board of Trustees.

The Grayslake Police Department will be called to pick up children under eighteen years of age who remain at the Library more than 30 minutes past closing time. Two staff members will remain in the vestibule with the child until the Police arrive. The staff will not provide transportation for any child left after closing.



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To protect children from being contacted by someone who should not have access to them, the Library does not page individuals.

A parent or legal guardian wishing his or her child in second grade or older to be allowed to use the Library unattended for up to two hours may sign a "Waiver and Release from Liability" form.

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## WAIVER AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

I understand the Grayslake Area Public Library District has a Safe Child Policy, a copy of which is on the reverse side of this form. I have read and understand the policy and wish this child, \_\_\_\_\_(Please Print Child's Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_(Please print child's birthdate) to be allowed to visit the library unaccompanied by a parent or guardian under the conditions stipulated below:

I agree that:

- This child's visits will be a maximum length of two hours per visit.
- I affirm that this child is able to read or work independently, and that his or her stay does not interfere with library employees' performance of their duties, nor create a nuisance that adversely affects other patrons' use of the library.
- The Library District will not page or relay messages to this child over the phone.
- This child attends the Library unaccompanied at his/her own risk and is required to follow all Policies set by the Grayslake Area Public Library District Board of Trustees.
- The Library District shall not be held liable for any damages arising from personal injuries or property loss sustained, incurred or caused by this child while in, on or about the premises.
- I assume responsibility for any personal injuries or property damages which may occur to this child or be caused by this child while in, on or about the premises.
- I assume responsibility for the behavior and safety of this child while he/she is in, on or about the premises.
- I hereby fully and forever release and discharge the Grayslake Area Public Library District and its officers, employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action, or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known, anticipated, or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of this child's unattended presence at the Library.

Relationship to child

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone



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Signer's Library Barcode

Name (print)

Signature Date