

## CHILDREN'S POLICY

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1. A minor child must have the approval of their parent or guardian to borrow materials from the Wales Public Library. The parent or guardian will be held financially responsible for library materials lost or destroyed by their child.
2. Children, regardless of age will be treated with the same courtesy, respect and attention as an adult using the Wales Public Library. Services of the Wales Public Library will be extended to children at the same level as for adults. (See "Borrowers Policy")
3. There will be no attempt to censor library materials to be used by a child. Article V of the Library Bill of Rights states, "A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background or views." (A reminder to check with a parent may be given.) Parents and guardians concerned with what their child may be accessing at the Wales Public Library should accompany the child to serve as censor.
4. The confidentiality of children will be respected by Library Staff with regard to materials borrowed from the Wales Public Library. The responsible adult will be notified regarding overdue, lost or destroyed library materials only when all efforts to rectify the situation with the child have failed.