

# Children’s Interactive Learning Area Behavioral Guidelines Policy



Scope of Policy			
<i>Scope:</i>	Expected Behavior in the Interactive Learning Area	<i>Effective Date:</i>	Revised 02/17/2025

General Policy/Purpose
The Interactive Learning Area in the Youth Collection is a highly utilized area for many children and caregivers. The library and its staff strive to provide everyone in this area with a positive experience. The provisions in this policy have been created for the enjoyment and safety of all patrons.

Provisions
<p><b>I. Interactive Learning Area Behavior Guidelines</b></p> <p>The following rules supplement library guidelines for general patron behavior. Please see the library’s Behavior Guidelines Policy and the Unattended Child Policy for a complete list of behavior provisions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Patrons under the age of 9 must be supervised by a caregiver over the age of 12.</li><li>2. All patrons are required to wear shoes in the Interactive Learning Area.</li><li>3. Use inside voices and always walk in the Interactive Learning Area. Children should not engage in rough play, pushing, or shoving while in the play area to prevent injury to themselves or others. Patrons should exhibit the same physical behavior as they do in other parts of the library.</li><li>4. Throwing or bringing items onto the slide is not permitted. Climbing on the outside of the slide is not permitted.</li><li>5. Toys, furniture, and other library items located in the Interactive Learning Area should stay in the area.</li><li>6. Library materials should be returned to library carts if they aren’t being checked out.</li><li>7. Beverages with a sealable lid are allowed in the Interactive Learning Area. Food is not permitted; all food must be consumed upstairs in the Creative Commons.</li><li>8. Caregivers are responsible for ensuring younger patrons are cleaning up after themselves.</li></ol> <p><b>II. Inappropriate Behavior Procedures</b></p> <p>Patrons who are behaving inappropriately in the library will be approached by library staff and asked to behave in an appropriate manner. Continued inappropriate behavior may result in loss of library privileges. Loss of privileges may be extended to other metro libraries, as all three libraries have agreed to support one another in these decisions. In cases where library privileges are withdrawn, a patron must meet with the Library Director or with a manager for reinstatement of privileges.</p>