

Unaccompanied Children in the Library

These guidelines have been developed to minimize the potential for disruptive behavior in Slippery Rock University's Bailey Library and to protect underage children from potential dangers while in the Library.

Bailey Library welcomes children accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver, but parents or adult caregivers should be aware that the library's collection of materials and unfiltered Internet access are designed to meet the research and curricular needs of its primary users: the students, faculty and staff of Slippery Rock University. In a university library, unsupervised children may have access to books, Internet sites, and other resources that parents may deem to be inappropriate. Furthermore, Slippery Rock University's Library is open to the public, a situation that can present risks to children.

- Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by someone age 18 or older.
- Unaccompanied children may be asked to leave or library staff may contact the Slippery Rock University police to report their non-supervised status. Exceptions may be made for children participating in school or university sponsored programs and activities.
- An eligible child may obtain a Bailey Library card to check out books, provided a parent or guardian completes the application available at the Circulation Desk.
- Children under age 18 who wish to receive authorization for internet access must have the permission of the adult who accompanies them and follow procedures for gaining internet access at the Reference Desk. Please note that the library is not responsible for monitoring what internet sites children under 18 may be viewing; this is the responsibility of the accompanying adult.