



AFTER-SCHOOL USE of the CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY (Unaccompanied Minors Policy)

The Converse Free Library welcomes people of all ages. Its mission is to encourage learning, curiosity and the sharing of ideas. To ensure that all patrons can enjoy the library's resources and its environment, the staff and trustees have established the following rules for unaccompanied children under the age of 18 who use the library:

- Library staff members and volunteers do not assume the role of parents. They are not responsible for activities of patrons, including children, except when their behavior interferes with the library's mission and the safety and comfort of its users.
- If a staff member or volunteer needs to speak to a child about his or her behavior more than once in a day, that child may be asked to leave for the remainder of the day. Children may call a parent and wait for transportation in the library lobby or outside if necessary.
- Consideration for others includes moderate voices and respectful behavior inside the library.
- Food snacks are welcome provided young people eat at a table and clean up after themselves. Drinks must have lids or be in spill-proof containers.
- All backpacks, bags, and coats should be put on the bench in the side entry hall or under a table. Sports equipment should be left in the lobby.
- Children in elementary school may borrow one of the library's three Chromebook computers and/or have access to the library's open Wi-Fi network. The Internet is an unsupervised library resource. There is a 30-minute limit when others are waiting for a Chromebook, and students using them for homework receive preference.

Thank you for respecting your library!