

Your Child's Library Card



You can get your child a library card at any age. We encourage reading books with your child from birth! Whenever you decide is right for your child, it's an exciting moment, and

we encourage you to share with them the importance and value of the library card and the responsibility that goes with it.

Your child's library card is theirs as they grow, and may be used to borrow items only for them. We hope you also have your own library card, which is easy to get and provides access to online resources, books and other items.

Through the age of 7, if you are listed as the parent/legal guardian on their record, you can manage your child's account online or with staff.

Starting at age 8, if your child is not present, the library cannot tell you what your child has checked out, except when a fee is owed. We can show you and your child how to log in and review your own records online.

Thank you for helping your child have a safe and enjoyable trip to the library. Please ask if you have any questions, and visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/kids.

Help your child have a safe, enjoyable visit to the library.

Make sure that your child has a safe way home before the library closes. Staff cannot wait with your child after closing.

Make sure that your child has your phone number and the number of another adult who can provide a ride home in an emergency. The library does not keep personal emergency information for your child.

Children under 8 years of age must be closely supervised by a parent or responsible caregiver and may not be left alone. If a young child is not being fully supervised, library staff will attempt to contact you to pick up your child.

Even the most well-behaved child can become restless, hungry, or tired. If your child is unable to follow our posted guidelines for behavior, they may be asked to leave the library.

Our libraries are open to everyone and may not be a safe location for a child left alone. Library employees are not able to supervise children.

The Library cannot limit access to any items in the library, including computers, for your child. Your child can use computers even if they do not have a library card.