Minors in the Library

Under this policy, the term “minor” refers to a person under the age of 18 years.
Note: This policy does not apply to Eastern Washington University students, regardless of age.

The primary purpose of JFK Library is to serve the information and research needs of the students, faculty, and staff of EWU and to support the EWU curriculum. In addition to its primary mission, the Library serves the geographic region, and makes its resources available on a limited basis to community members, including students in regional high schools.

An individual who is not an Eastern Washington University student and who is under 18 years of age must be a high school freshman through senior or recent high school graduate to use JFK Library without being accompanied by an adult. Upon staff request, the minor must be able to show a high school identification card, individual class schedule, statement by the parent or guardian, or some other evidence of student status. Other minors who are not EWU students must be accompanied by an adult.

In addition, the minor’s use of library computers is restricted to research. If the minor is not doing research, s/he may be asked to leave the building.

Exceptions:
- Residential campers requiring library access as part of their program: Campers in this category are issued library passes authorizing them to access the library.
- Home-Schooled Minors: Home-schooled minors who do not have school IDs may be issued a library guest card in accordance with our Community Borrower (12-17) policy. Issuance of this card requires the permission/signature of the minor’s parent or legal guardian. Should the parent/guardian issue permission for the minor to use the library unaccompanied, “Library Access Allowed” is written on the guest card and initialed by the issuing staff member, as identification.
- Running Start students: Running Start students receive Eagle Cards and are treated as EWU undergraduate students.

This policy does not address library borrowing privileges. The Community Borrower Policy addresses borrowing privileges for minors.

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