

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY MANUAL

Section: 7. Library Services

Subsection: 7.2 Services for Children

Paragraph 7.2.1 Children's Rights in the Public Library

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

The Woodstock Public Library endorses the *Rights of Children in the Public Library* as set out by the Ontario Library Association, November 1998.

POLICY

Children in the Public Library have the right to:

1. Intellectual freedom.
2. Equal access to the full range of services and materials available to other customers.
3. A full range of materials, services and programs specifically designed and developed to meet their needs.
4. Adequate funding for collections and services related to population, use and local community needs.
5. The library environment that complements their physical and developmental stages.
6. Trained and knowledgeable staff specializing in children's services.
7. Welcoming, respectful, supportive service from birth through the transition to adult customer.
8. An advocate who will speak on their behalf to the library administration, library board, municipal council and community to make people aware of the goals of children's services.
9. Library policies written to include the needs of the child.

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Responsibility: Board and Chief Executive Officer