CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER POLICY

Purpose:
The Children's Discovery Center provides a safe, interactive environment for children and caregivers to explore, learn, and play. The space is maintained by library staff for the benefit of the entire community.

Hours and Staffing:

- The Discovery Center is open only during designated hours.
- The space must be staffed by library employees or authorized library substitutes at all times when open.
- The Discovery Center is not available for use when staff are not present.

Supervision:

- Minors must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Caregivers are responsible for the behavior, safety, and supervision of children in their care.

The Mount Pleasant Public Library shall not assume responsibility for the safety of unattended children left on Discovery Center premises. The library staff shall not provide childcare, or be placed in the position of supervising children left unattended. Children should not be dropped off at the Discovery Center for such purposes.

General Rules:
All patrons using the Discovery Center must follow these rules:

- Follow all posted rules and staff directions.
- Minors must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- No food or drinks are allowed in the Discovery Center.
- Use inside voices and walking feet.
- Use materials wisely and sensibly.
- Be respectful of equipment, space, and other visitors.
- Clean up all materials after use.

Failure to follow these rules may result in being asked to leave the Discovery Center.

Group Visits:

- Groups (including daycares, preschools, and organizations) must be scheduled in advance.
- Visits must occur during staffed operating hours.
- Groups must provide adequate adult supervision at all times.
- Recurring or frequent visits may be limited due to staffing and availability.

Use Limitations:

- The Discovery Center is a shared public space and is not available for private events, including birthday parties.
- The library reserves the right to limit use to ensure safety, equitable access, and proper maintenance of the space.

Safety and Responsibility:

- Report any accidents, injuries, or damaged equipment to staff immediately.
- Patrons may be held responsible for damage caused by misuse or negligence.

Disciplinary Action:
Library staff have the authority to enforce this policy and may:

- Provide reminders of rules.
- Ask individuals or groups to modify behavior.
- Require patrons to leave the space if policies are not followed.

Approved by the Board of Trustees
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