

Topic: Children's & Teen's Services

2.1 General Policies for Children's & Teen's Services

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Policies

A goal of the North Kawartha Public Library is to provide ready access to sources of information, knowledge and the creative imagination for all people of all ages. For children and teens, the library should be a place to explore, a place to return to and a place where they will always be welcome.

The North Kawartha Public Library believes that the intellectual growth of children* and teens** and their cultural appreciation and recreational activities should be encouraged through quality library service, delivered with consideration and respect.

The North Kawartha Public Library believes that Children's and Teen's collections in a small library are important because it encourages children and teens to read and satisfies their curiosity and need for information about the world around them. For children and teens, the library should be a place to explore, a place to return to time and again, a place where they will always be welcome.

The North Kawartha Public Library believes that children's and teen's services are as important a component of the library as any services offered to adults.

* A "child" is defined in these policies and procedures as an individual under the age of 13.

** A "teen" is defined in these policies and procedures as an individual 13-17 years of age.