

- Please supervise any children under the age of eight while they are at the library.
- An older child may also feel more comfortable when accompanied by an adult.
- Sometimes older children can't handle watching their younger siblings while trying to use the library themselves. They may become stressed and impatient. Please use your best judgment to make sure *all* your children have the opportunity to enjoy their visit.
- Please let your child know how to be safe when using the Internet. Please ask us if you need to know some tips.
- Teach your children your address, and make sure they know the phone numbers to call you in an emergency.
- Any child left too long in the library may become restless, hungry, or tired. We will ask disruptive children to leave the building.
- Be sure your children have enough money for a phone call, even if they have cell phones (in case the cell phones are lost or lose power).
- Make sure that your children have safe transit home. It may not be safe for your children to wait outside the library, so check the library's closing time.



### Main Library Children's Room

325 Civic Center Plaza Richmond, CA 94804 510-620-6557

Bookmobile Office 510-307-8089



### Bayview Branch Library

5100 Hartnett Avenue Richmond, CA 94804 510-620-6566

### West Side Branch Library

135 Washington Avenue Richmond, CA 94801 510-620-6567



# Children's Department

Committed to fostering lifelong enjoyment of reading and learning!

### A Parent's Guide

to the

# Richmond Public Library









The Children's Department provides services for babies through sixth graders. We invite you to visit the library often.

We encourage parents to give guidance to their children when choosing materials. When we select books and other items, we look for quality, diversity, and subject need.

We have materials for school assignments and for general interest. Our librarians are knowledgeable in Children's Literature. It is our pleasure to recommend good books for children and their families to enjoy.

We are here to help you find resources that are appropriate for your family. *Please ask us!* 



- Story Times for babies, preschoolers, and families;
- Special Group
  Story Times
  by appointment.

## Help for Students

- Class Visits and Library Instruction by appointment;
- Homework Help Free with registration;
- Help with finding materials using the online catalog;
- Chess Lessons for ages 7+.



- Computer stations with Word
  Processing for reports;
- Free Internet access for students 13 & under (there is a small fee for printing).
   Please let your children know what kinds of sites you think are okay for them;
- Learning Games/ Early Literacy computers with no Internet.

### Summer Reading Game

- Read books, win prizes!
- Enjoy free events!

### Special Events all year

- Crafts
- Puppet Shows
- Magicians
- Board Game Days
- ♦ And more...



## Explore the Children's Area!

- Children's Books (in English, Spanish, & other languages);
- Board Books for babies;
- Picture Books & Easy Readers;
- Books for parents & teachers;
- Information on many topics;
- Novels for children;
- Read-Along Kits with Book & CD or Cassette;
- Videos &
  DVDs, Music
  CDs.
- Board games
- Magazines
- Puzzles

