

# **Jay County Public Library**

## **Supervised Family Visitation Policy**

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The Jay County Public Library recognizes the role it plays in the community as a safe meeting place. The library maintains a community room for library activities and specified public use, along with two study rooms for small gatherings.

The Jay County Public Library acknowledges that the county's Department of Children's Services caseworkers and other service providers use our facilities regularly for supervised family visitation, counseling, and other necessary meetings, and the Library welcomes this use, in keeping with our standard policies. These visits require privacy and allowances for children to run, eat, play and interact with family members. Those activities make it imperative that these meetings be held in the Library's community room.

Supervised visitation is not a public arena activity, and may not be held in the Libraries' public areas. While we welcome parents and children to use our public areas during visitations, sensitive topics and conversations need to be addressed in private areas. Standard library policies, such as dealing with patron behavior and meeting room usage, will be adhered to. Other Library policies are considered in force, as well.

Questions or comments regarding this policy are to be presented to the Library Director. The Library Director will be the sole arbiter in these matters.