

YOUTH SERVICES POLICY

The Beloit Public Library's Youth Services Department provides library service to youth and adults working with youth in order to promote early literacy, personal enrichment, and the lifelong love of reading and learning.

To fulfill this goal, Youth Services:

1. Provides a collection of materials that meets youth (ages 0-12) interests and information needs, stimulates their curiosity, and challenges them to greater achievement.
2. Provides access to materials and programs with a physical facility that accommodates the size and capabilities of youth.
3. Provides a staff who have training in, knowledge of, and enthusiasm for:
 - a. Literature for youth, including Reader's Advisory skills.
 - b. The interests and abilities of youth in different age groups.
 - c. Technology training and assistance for youth.
 - d. Active learning and early literacy skills.
4. Promotes reading and library use by:
 - a. Providing a pleasant, stimulating atmosphere at the library including a knowledgeable staff that make youth feel their requests are significant and their presence is welcome.
 - b. Offering programs and tours that encourage youth and their families to come to the library.
 - c. Partnering with individuals and groups with similar service goals.
 - d. Extending library services into the community with emphasis on youth who need literacy support.

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