

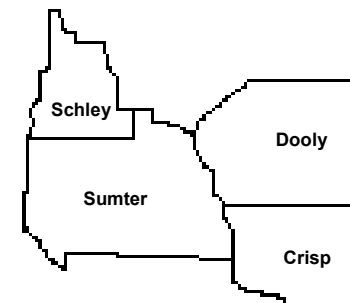
## ...In Supervision

It is tempting to believe the library is a haven that your child can visit without worrying about safety; unfortunately this is not the case. A library is a public building, open to all. With this in mind, the Library has developed an Unattended Children Policy. Children under the age of 7 should remain in their parent or guardian's presence during any trip to the library. Children who are 7 to 12 years old must have a parent or guardian in the library with them, but they do not have to remain together during their entire visit. Children over the age of 12 may be dropped off at the library and may use the library on their own.

If you have any questions about the Library or about any library policy, stop by the circulation desk or call the library at 229-924-8091.

The Lake Blackshear Regional Library System consists of six PINES libraries and a Bookmobile. Your PINES card may be used at any PINES library. Materials checked out of one PINES library may be returned to any other PINES library.

*The Lake Blackshear Regional Library System promotes accessible library services to all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, age, national origin or disability.*



## When Your Child Visits the Library...

The Lake Blackshear Regional Library offers your child excitement, knowledge, and the joy of discovery!

Library visits are an important part of a child's creative and intellectual growth. Our staff wants your child's visit to be a rewarding and positive experience that encourages a love of reading for pleasure and knowledge for a lifetime.

Children visiting our libraries receive the same welcome, assistance, and respect as any other valued patron. Children of any age can get a PINES library card with the help of their parents or guardian. Please ask for more information at the Circulation Desk.

# Your Role...

## ...In Selection

The public library should be a place where people of all ages can find information presenting all points of view on issues of importance to them. With that in mind, we seek to buy the best available materials to meet the needs of everyone, not just the majority.

Library staff cannot make a judgment as to what is suitable reading or viewing material for a child. We encourage you to assist your child in choosing materials you consider appropriate to your own family values as well as to the maturity and development of your child. The library provides assistance to help parents match their stated needs with suitable materials.

Please be aware that our policy is to provide equal access to all materials for all ages and that you may consider some materials inappropriate for your child.



In addition to books dealing with sensitive subjects such as violence, death, and divorce, we also have children's books on human anatomy and sex education. We provide this information to assist you in making suitable reading choices for your child.

Recognizing your right as a parent to decide what is best for your child, we encourage you to visit the library together until your child is mature enough to make selection decisions on his or her own.

The library has two types of computers for the public. A few are set up for patrons to use Microsoft Office programs. These computers are available to anyone. There are also computers with Internet access in addition to MS Office. To be able to access the Internet in the library, patrons must have a valid PINES card and be at least 16 years old. Anyone under the age of 16 must have a parent or guardian with a valid PINES card sit with them while they use an Internet-accessible computer.

The Lake Blackshear Regional Library System complies with the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act. (CIPA)

## ...In Transportation

Parents are requested to make sure their children are picked up BEFORE closing time. The library staff cannot assume responsibility for any patron left at the library beyond closing time. In the event that a child is left after hours, and no one can be contacted to provide transportation, our staff will call either the police or the Department of Family and Children's Services for assistance.

