

Policy and Procedure Manual	Section B 14
Public Policy Mother's Room Policy	Issued : October 19, 2020 Approving Authority: Board of Library Trustees

Mother's Room Policy

The Mother's Room, also known as *The Nest*, of the Orland Park Public Library is for use by mothers needing to breastfeed or bottle feed their children, or to express milk. The Nest is divided into two areas for privacy with a common sink. The use of this room is for this purpose only and is intended for the comfort and convenience of our nursing mothers.

The Nest is not to be used for any other purposes, i.e. as a study room, play room, or reading room.

The use of The Nest will be arranged at the Youth Services desk on the first floor. The two areas in The Nest may be used as they become available on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will be kept if both areas are occupied. No advance registration will be taken.

The Nest is equipped in accordance with Fire Code and occupancy requirements. No extra chairs will be allowed. Activities in The Nest should not materially or substantially interfere with the proper functions of the Library. Prohibited activities include: causing excessive noise, creating safety hazards or security risks, and creating other disturbances that violate the Library Patron Behavior Policy.

All individuals are responsible for the condition of the rooms of the Nest they occupy and should return furniture to the original arrangement. Repair costs for any damage to either room will be charged. All individuals in a room are responsible for the behavior of others using the room during their session.

The Nest may be used for no more than one hour. When the one-hour time limit expires, the area will revert to a first-in-first-out policy as administered by Library staff. A valid photo ID (i.e. valid driver's license state ID, student ID) will be required to use the room and must be presented to staff.

The Board of Library Trustees reserves the right to amend this policy at any time. The Library may also deny access to The Nest to individuals who have failed to follow the rules and regulations for the room's use.