



## **Safe Child Policy**

Individuals of all ages are encouraged to use the Logan Public Library and the library is committed to making visits memorable and enjoyable. However, library staff is not expected to assume responsibility for the care of unsupervised children in the library.

No public space, including the library, can guarantee the safety of children at all times. The Logan Public Library does not have the correct staff, training, or facilities to be a childcare provider. The Logan Public Library assumes no responsibility for any child left unattended in the library.

### **Guidelines**

- Children under the age of eight (8) must be under the care & supervision of an adult or responsible caregiver age twelve (12) or older at all times while in the library. Parents or caregivers are responsible for the safety and appropriate behavior of each child in their care
- Children or groups of children visiting the library from a school, homeschool group, or childcare facility must be under the supervision of their caregivers at all times to ensure safety and monitor behavior
- Children age eight (8) and over may visit the library unaccompanied but library staff is not responsible for their care. Children age eight (8) and over are expected to comply with the Patron Conduct Policy & will be asked to leave if they become disruptive.
- If an unaccompanied child younger than the age of eight (8) is located within the library, Library Staff will attempt to locate the child's caregiver, if they are not in the library then staff will attempt to reach the parent by phone to make arrangements for their child to be picked up immediately. If a parent cannot be located, or if a contacted parent has not picked up their child within an hour of being contacted Library Staff will contact local police.
- If any child is left at the library after closing staff will attempt to contact the parent. If not picked up immediately staff will contact local police and remain until they arrive. Library staff are not permitted to drive unaccompanied children home without parental consent and at the discretion of the staff member.

It is not the responsibility of Library Staff to monitor children's use of the internet or to decide which resources are appropriate. It is the library's policy that parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding what library resources are appropriate for their children and for monitoring their library material usage.

Concerned parents should communicate with their child regarding materials they do not wish them to use or view.

### **Children's Library Use by Unattended Minors**

Due to the location of the Children's Library on the lower level of the building and library staffing levels there are times when our library staff will be unable to supervise unattended minors in the Children's Library.

Due to these constraints, use of the Children's Library by unattended minors is at the discretion of the library staff on duty. Unattended minors permitted to make use of the Children's Library unsupervised will be asked to sign in & provide a parent or guardian phone number. In the event of extreme disruption or violation of the

Patron Conduct Policy unattended minors will not be permitted to occupy the Children's Library. Unattended minors who lose this privilege will be able to visit Children's Library to choose items to make use of on the main level of the library under the supervision of the library staff.

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