

## **Unattended Children**

In order to maintain a safe and orderly environment for Library use and to protect Library property, the following constitutes Library policy concerning supervision of children:

Parents and guardians are responsible for the conduct of their children while they are in the Library. CPLD staff is responsible for helping children with Library needs. However, Library staff is not responsible for serving as baby-sitters or disciplinarians.

Children under the age of eight (8) must be accompanied and directly supervised at all times by a parent or other responsible caregiver.

Parents and guardians should be aware of the Library opening and closing times and make suitable arrangements for transportation of their children. Children left at the library at closing time will be put into the custody of the Carroll County Sheriff.

The Library is not responsible for the safety, care or supervision of unaccompanied children.

Under no circumstances will a staff member transport children home or to another destination.

Children over the age of eight (8) may use the Library unattended by an adult, subject to other Library rules and policies regarding behavior, conduct and demeanor.

Parental supervision of children under eight (8) is required for any and all programs sponsored by the Library unless otherwise indicated.

Violations of this policy are grounds for suspension of Library privileges. The Library will notify the parent of any child under the age of (8) who has violated the policy as stated above.

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