

Child Safety Policy

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The Logansport-Cass County Public Library is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment to library users of all ages. For the protection of our younger users, the following policy regarding child safety has been adopted.

- A responsible parent or caregiver must accompany children under the age of 8.
- If a child under the age of 8 is found unattended, the library staff will attempt to contact the child's parent or caregiver and inform them of the policy.
- If the child's parent or caregiver cannot be located, the child will be placed in the care of local law enforcement.
- School age children age 8 and over may use the library unattended as long as their conduct is acceptable in a library setting.
- Examples of unacceptable behavior in the library include, but are not limited to, damaging library property, playing tag or other unauthorized physically active games, bothering other library patrons or staff members, or engaging in inappropriate activity as determined by the library staff. Library staff members retain the right to ask patrons engaging in unacceptable behavior to leave.
- Parents are expected to set time limits for their children's library visits. The procedures for addressing unattended children under the age of 8 may be applied to older children as needed. Librarians may take action on behalf of children in such cases as:

A child who is ill, frightened, or limited in abilities.

A child who is vulnerable due to weather conditions, meal arrangements, or inability to contact his/her parent or caregiver over a long period of time.

A child whose disruptive behavior has not subsided despite verbal warnings from the library staff.

Any child who has not been picked up within 15 minutes of closing time.

- The library staff is not responsible for the care or supervision of minors on library property.
- Under no circumstance will a library staff member provide transportation to an unattended child.