

# Safe Child Policy

(See also Rules of Behavior)

The library is a public building and all patrons, including minors, are welcome. However, at no time will the Library assume the responsibility of surrogate care provider for children in the Library. All children under the age of 6 years of age must have a parent or caregiver present in the library at all times. A caregiver is defined as someone 13 years of age or older who has the mental and physical capacity to care for the child should an emergency arise. Children between the ages of 6 and 8 years should not be left unattended for more than one hour.

In the event a child under 6 years of age is left unattended or a child between the ages of 6 and 8 years is left unattended for more than one hour, the staff will attempt to contact a parent, guardian or other caregiver. If a parent, guardian, or caregiver cannot be located within one half hour, or if the library is closing, the West Branch Police Department will be to assume responsibility for the child.

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