



## **Child Safety Policy**

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Lawrenceburg Public Library District welcomes children of all ages into our buildings and strives to maintain a safe and positive environment for all. However, Library staff cannot be expected to function as caregivers for children, and as such, certain guidelines must be followed to ensure safety of the children and Library facilities.

- Children aged seven and under must have supervision from an accompanying caregiver, aged thirteen or older, at all times when they are visiting the Library.
- Caregivers are responsible for ensuring the appropriate behavior of their children while in the Library.
- Older children (ages eight and up) who have arrived at the Library on their own may be asked to leave if they fail to abide by the Customer Conduct Policy of LPLD.
  - If the child cannot safely leave the library to return home on their own, staff will permit the child to call a parent or guardian.
  - If a parent or guardian cannot be located, staff will contact local law enforcement authorities.
- Unattended children who have not been picked up fifteen minutes prior to closing will be given the opportunity to call a parent or guardian.
- Children who have not been picked up after fifteen minutes of the Library closing will be referred to local law enforcement for safe return to their parent or guardian.
- Under no circumstances will library staff take a child out of the building or transport a child to another location, even at the request of a parent or guardian.
- Staff will not deliberately seek out unattended children; however, if staff are made aware of an unattended child, they will first attempt to contact the parent or guardian. If they cannot contact any caregiver, staff will contact local police to assist in returning the child to their parent or guardian.

Failure by children and/or caregivers to abide by these guidelines may result in suspension of Library privileges.

Attested \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_