

Safe Child Policy

The Library strives to provide a safe environment for visitors of all ages. To ensure the safety and well-being of children and other library users, it is expected that a responsible adult or caregiver (over the age of 12) shall closely accompany and supervise children under the age of 8-years while they use the library.

Parents, guardians, or caregivers are responsible for the behavior and welfare of children visiting and using the library; this includes participation in library programs unless otherwise specified. The Library is not equipped, nor is it the Library's role, to provide long-term or short-term childcare.

Though staff will respond with care and concern, they cannot assume responsibility for children's safety and comfort when they are unattended. Library staff will attempt to contact the parent or guardian of an unattended child. If the parent or guardian cannot be contacted, the child will be placed in the care of the Waupaca Police Department. Under no circumstances shall a child be taken out of the building by a staff person, nor will a child remain in the building with a single staff member.

See also the **Rules for Conduct Policy**.

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