

Unattended Children Policy

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Purpose

The Weyauwega Public Library welcomes children of all ages to use its facilities and services. In an effort to ensure the safety and well being of the children and maintain an atmosphere of constructive library use, the following policy regarding appropriate use of the library by children and their caregivers is adopted.

Policy

Responsibility for the welfare and behavior of children using the library rests with the parent/guardian or an assigned chaperone. Though staff will always respond with care and concern, they cannot assume responsibility for children's safety and comfort when they are unattended. Staff may need to contact authorities such as the Police either to assist with the enforcement of discipline in the library or to ensure the safety of an unattended child.

Young children under the age of eight should be attended and adequately supervised by a parent, guardian, or caregiver who is a responsible person of at least twelve years of age. Older children may use the library unattended provided they are able to maintain proper library behavior.

Closing time: Children, under the age of 12, who do not have transportation home at closing time will be asked for telephone numbers of people who can pick them up at the library. If their ride is not available within 15 minutes of closing, the police will be called for assistance.