

FERTILE PUBLIC POLICY
Safe Child Policy

The library is a public building and all patrons, including minors, are welcome. However, at no time will the library assume the responsibility of a surrogate care provider for children in the library. All children in the library are expected to abide by the Library's Rules of Conduct.

All children under 8 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 or groups of children visiting the library from any preschool, child care or babysitting facility must be directly supervised at all times by caregivers to ensure safety and to monitor behavior. Caregivers must maintain direct visual supervision.

If a parent or guardian of an unattended child aged seven and under cannot be contacted or located more than 15 minutes after normal or weather-related closings, local law enforcement will be notified to take custody of the child.

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