CARROLL PUBLIC LIBRARY
SAFE CHILD POLICY

The trustees and the staff of the Carroll Public Library encourage children to visit the library and explore the possibilities the library has to offer. We also strive to provide a safe and productive environment for all our visitors and patrons.

Out of concern for the welfare and safety of children when they are left unattended:

- Children ages 6 and under must be accompanied by and directly supervised at all times by a caregiver while on the library premises.
- Children ages 7 and 8 must have a caregiver in the building.
- Caregivers must be at least 14 years of age.
- Children ages 9 and older may be on library premises without a caregiver as long as they exhibit proper behavior in the library.
- Children engaging in disruptive behavior will be subject to the Patron Conduct Policy.
- Children (or dependent adults) of any age with mental, physical, or emotional concerns which require supervision must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult caregiver at all times.
- While the Carroll Public Library is concerned about the safety and welfare of all children, parents and caregivers are ultimately responsible for the children's safety and welfare and for monitoring children's activities and behavior.
- If a child 8 or younger is left unattended on library premises, the staff will attempt to contact a parent. If a parent cannot be contacted, the Police Department will be notified.
- Parents are responsible for providing transportation home from the library. In the event an unattended child cannot reach a parent or guardian for transportation, the staff will contact the Police department for assistance. Library staff are prohibited from giving children rides home at closing time.

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