

Unattended Child Policy

The Menominee County Library welcomes and encourages children to use the library's resources and services. Our staff is happy to help children use the library, but staff members cannot baby-sit, supervise, or entertain any children left alone in the library.

The library is a public building and is not licensed or designed to provide basic child care. Staff members are not responsible for the safety of an unattended child, even for short periods of time.

Children, who are eight years old or younger, shall at all times be attended and adequately supervised by a responsible adult. Children this age may not be supervised by an older brother or sister, unless they are a mature adolescent (at least 12 years of age), who will assume full responsibility for their care.

Children nine years of age and over may be unaccompanied and are free to use the library's resources, so long as they obey the library's rules of conduct and their behavior is not disruptive to other library patrons or staff members.

Parents and guardians should be aware of the library's opening and closing times and make suitable arrangements to meet and/or transport their children.

If unaccompanied children are in the library fifteen minutes before closing time, staff members may assist them in calling to arrange for transportation. Staff members are not required to stay with children after closing time, nor are they ever permitted to drive children home.

If children are left in the library at closing time, the library staff may ask the local police to escort the children home.

Violations of this policy may result in suspension of library privileges.

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