

Policy ##: Safe Child

The Pend Oreille County Library District appreciates that children are core users of the Library and strives to create spaces, programs, and services that encourage them to learn and explore. We recognize it is the responsibility of parents, guardians, or other caregivers to ensure that their children are cared for and safe when visiting the Library or attending a Library program. Library staff cannot serve as baby-sitters or day care and are not responsible for children who are left unattended while on Library premises.

Children under the age of eight and children with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities that require constant supervision (further known as “supervised children”) are not to be left unattended in the Library. Supervised children must be accompanied by an adult or other responsible caregiver at all times. During programs, caregivers must remain in the building.

POCLD and its staff are not responsible for children outside the buildings who are waiting for transportation or socializing.

Unattended children can be asked to leave the building should their behavior become disruptive or inappropriate. It is not the responsibility of Library staff to arrange transportation for unattended children asked to leave the building.

In the event of a violation of this policy, Library staff will attempt to contact the parent or guardian of the unattended child. Law enforcement or child protective services may also be called.