

SAFE CHILD POLICY

The Woodward Public Library encourages children to experience the collections, services, and programs it offers. The following guidelines ensure their use of the library is a positive and safe experience.

- Each child is expected to abide by the library's Behavior Policy.
- The library is not responsible for the actions, supervision, or safety of a child.
- A child 9 years of age or younger must be attended and supervised by a caregiver at all times. The caregiver must be at least 14 years of age or older.
- The library staff will attempt to locate the parent or caregiver if:
 - a child is 9 years of age or younger in the library unattended at any time;
 - a child under 18 years of age is in the library unattended at the time of closing.
- If the parent or caregiver cannot be reached within 15 minutes, the library staff will notify the Woodward Police Department. Staff will notify Director that police have been called.
- Library staff will remain with the child until the parent/caregiver or police arrive.
- Under no circumstances should the library staff drive a child to any location or leave a child outside the building after closing.

Adopted by the Woodward Public Library Board of Trustees

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