

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

PURPOSE

In order to provide for the general welfare of all persons using the LeClaire Community Library and to provide for the general safety of children using the library.

Parents are responsible for the safe & appropriate behavior of their children while they are in the Library. LeClaire Community Library staff is committed in assisting children & their families/caregivers. However, Library staff cannot serve as baby-sitters, teachers, or disciplinarians. Whenever advisable, the Library will notify the parent of incidents involving an unattended child. [Form follows.]

From time to time, the LeClaire Community Library schedules or provides programs which are designed and suitable for attendance by children without parental supervision. Such program announcements will so indicate, and if no indication is included, then supervision is required.

- Children nine (9) years and older may use the library unattended.
- Children eight (8) years old & younger must be directly supervised by a parent or responsible guardian (14 years or older) at all times, with the exception of library sponsored programming.
- Children six (6), seven (7) & eight (8) years old may attend library sponsored programs independently, unless parental supervision is indicated.

When the safety of an unattended child is in doubt, the parent or responsible caregiver cannot be located, or if the Library is closing, Library staff will notify local law enforcement and remain with the child (two staff members) until law enforcement arrives to take custody of the child.

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