



Title: Unattended Children in the Library		Policy Number: 210
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1. Purpose – To reinforce to parents and caregivers that all young children must be accompanied and supervised in the library, and that Crown Point Community Library (CPCL) staff does not accept responsibility for the safety and security of unattended children.
2. Scope: This policy applies to all CPCL buildings.
3. Definitions: none
4. Policy:
  - I. Children age 8 and younger must be accompanied by and under direct supervision of a parent or caregiver at all times while in the library.
  - II. Caregivers of young children (8 or under) must be at least 13 years old.
  - III. Children age 9 or older may use the library unattended.
  - IV. CPCL staff does not provide custodial care or surveillance of unattended children.
  - V. Children must be picked up from the library before the library closes for the day. Children left for more than 15 minutes after closing may be left in the care of local authorities until a parent or guardian can retrieve them.
  - VI. Parents or guardians are responsible for the actions of their children, including their children’s access to library materials.
  - VII. Everyone, both adults and children, must comply with CPCL’s Courteous Conduct Policy.

Approved by the Board of Trustees

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President, Board of Trustees

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Date

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