

## Unattended Children

Parents are responsible for children's behavior on library premises. The staff of the Indian Trails Public Library District are committed to the well-being and safety of children and are happy to help children with activities related to the library. However, library staff do not act in loco parentis (in place of parents), therefore, parents or caregivers are responsible for the behavior of children in the library.

If an unattended child behaves disruptively, staff may attempt to reach at least one of the child's parents or legal guardians, ask the child to leave the library, or call the police depending on the age of the child and severity of the situation. Parents or legal guardians may be notified of any suspensions issued to children who violate the Member Conduct policy.

Children under 9 years of age must be accompanied and directly supervised by a responsible adult, high school aged or older, in all library facilities and on its grounds. If it is determined that a child has been left unattended, and all attempts to find the responsible adult fail, the police may be called.

Staff are authorized to call police after closing if unattended children under 13 years of age have not been picked up within 15 minutes of closing. In no instance will a staff member or volunteer transport a child or children or wait alone with the child or children.