

## **Supervision of Children and Minors**

The library is pleased to welcome children to the library. A top priority for the Board and staff is the provision of a safe environment for all library patrons, especially children. Parents, guardians and others who may be responsible for children should be aware that the library is neither equipped nor staffed to provide close supervision or day care, and will not provide such services.

### **DEFINITIONS**

“Caregiver” means a minor’s parent, legal guardian or custodian.

“Child” or “Children” means any person(s), age 7 and under.

“Minor” means any person under the age of 18.

### **MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT**

Children must be accompanied by a caregiver on library property at all times.

Caregivers who do not attend story time programs with their preschooler must remain in the library during the program. Responsibility for children on library property rests with the caregiver, NOT Library Staff.

No child under the age of eight may be left unattended. All minors are subject to the policies and procedures of the Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library District.

If a caregiver of a child cannot be located, or if the Library is closing, Library staff may attempt to notify a Caregiver if known. Library staff is authorized to call the police. Two Library staff members will wait with the child until the police arrive.

If a minor is in violation of the library’s conduct policy the offender will be warned one time stating the problem and the consequences. If the disruptive behavior continues the offender will be asked to leave. If the offender refuses to leave Library staff may attempt to notify a Caregiver if known. Library staff is authorized to call the police. Two Library staff members will wait with the minor until the police arrive. Violations could also result in the restriction of library privileges as outlined in the patron conduct policy.