

SAFE CHILD POLICY

Policy Statement: The Library Board and Staff are concerned for the safety and welfare of children who use the library unattended by a caregiver e.g. an adult or a mature adolescent. Caregivers are responsible for their children's behavior while in the library. A child is expected to abide by the Library's Rules of Conduct.

Library Program Policy: Children age three to nine, attending a library program must be brought into the building by a caregiver who must remain in the building until the conclusion of the program when they again resume supervision of their charge. The caregiver must arrive promptly at the conclusion of the program. Children under the age of three must be attended **at all times during all programs.**

General Library Visit Policy: While visiting the library spaces for non-program reasons, children 6 to nine may explore the library independently with a caregiver in the building at all times. Children five and under must be attended at all times and in a caregiver's view.

Child Missing Policy: While visiting the library, caregivers are to report any missing child immediately to Library Staff at the circulation desk. It is not the library's intent to seek out unattended children but rather to have a reasoned response prepared as situations occur.

The Clive Public Library is not responsible for unattended children. However, procedures are set in place if a child is left after the library closes or is found unattended. Library staff will not transport a child in their personal vehicle.

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