

Tipton County Public Library Unattended Children Policy

We are concerned about the safety of all library users, especially children. We strive to make the library an enjoyable place to visit so that you will want to return often.

The Board of Trustees of the Library has, therefore, established the following policies for the library system:

- Parents or other responsible persons are accountable for their children's behavior and safety while in the library.
- Children age 8 and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. Teenage babysitters who are age 15 and older, may supervise children under 8 if the sitter remains with the children at all times.
- Children between the ages of 8 and 12 should be accompanied by an adult if the library stay exceeds two hours.
- If children are left alone at the library beyond closing time, library staff will attempt to reach the parent or guardian by phone. If library staff are unable to reach a parent or guardian, and an adult has not arrived to pick up the child, staff will stay with a child up to 15 minutes after closing time. At that point, library staff may call the local police for assistance.
- Library staff reserve the right to adjust these policies as needed for unique circumstances.

Policy on Disruptive Youth

Disruptive youth will be asked to leave the premises after two warnings. Disruptive behavior is any behavior on library premises which infringes on the rights of others using the library or is in violation of library policies. These behaviors are outlined in the Tipton County Public Library Patron Behavior Policy.