

Coulter Public Library

Unattended Child Policy

Coulter Public Library welcomes children and families and encourages children to enjoy books, programs, computers and library services. The library strives to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all patrons.

Library staff are available to assist children with library materials and services, but staff are not responsible for supervising children. Parents, guardians and caregivers are responsible for the behavior, safety and supervision of their children while in the library.

Supervision Guidelines

Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied and supervised by a parent, guardian or responsible caregiver while in the library.

Children ages 9–11 may use the library independently for a reasonable period of time if they are able to follow library rules and behave appropriately. A parent, guardian or caregiver must remain reachable and available if needed.

Children age 12 and older may use the library independently, provided they follow all library policies and expectations.

Library Expectations

All children using the library are expected to:

- Walk inside the library.
- Use appropriate indoor voices.
- Treat books, furniture, computers, equipment and other library materials respectfully.
- Stay out of staff-only areas.
- Use library equipment only with permission.
- Respect other patrons and library staff.
- Follow all library rules and policies.

If a child is disruptive, unsafe, unable to follow library expectations or appears to need supervision, library staff may contact the child's parent, guardian or caregiver. The parent, guardian or caregiver may be asked to come to the library immediately.

Closing Time

Children should know how they are getting home before the library closes. If a child is left at the library at closing time and a parent, guardian or caregiver cannot be reached, library staff may contact local authorities for assistance.

Programs and Events

Children attending library programs are expected to follow program rules and library expectations. Depending on the age of the child and the type of program, a parent, guardian or caregiver may be required to remain in the library or assist with supervision.

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