

# *Jefferson-Madison Regional Library*

## *Safe Child Policy*

The Jefferson-Madison Regional Library welcomes children of all ages to use its facilities and services, but cannot accept responsibility for their safety and supervision. The library strives to provide a safe environment, but safety cannot be guaranteed. The library does not act *in loco parentis*.

For the safety and well-being of children:

- Children age 9 or under must be adequately supervised, defined as a parent/guardian or assigned caregiver in the immediate vicinity. (within sight and conversational distance).
- Older children 10 and up may use the library unattended provided they maintain proper behavior.
- Children 12 years of age or older may act as caregivers for younger children.

Staff is authorized to contact appropriate authorities if a situation appears to be dangerous or neglectful to a child, or if a parent/guardian or caregiver cannot be located or contacted within 30 minutes. The library cannot be held responsible for children not picked up by library closing time.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in suspension of library privileges.

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