

Prescott Public Library Unattended Child Policy

Prescott Public Library welcomes children of all ages and seeks to create a safe and welcoming environment for all patrons.

- Prescott Public Library staff members are committed to the safety of children.
- Library facilities and staffing are not designed or licensed to provide basic child care needs or to supervise children.

The library requests that parents and guardians consider the safety and well-being of their children and the needs of other library users by cooperating with the following policies:

- Children ages 8 and under must be accompanied by their parent, guardian, or responsible caregiver.
- Children 9 years old and over may use the library independently providing they are able to follow the Standards of Behavior policy. Children, like all library users, are required to respect library property and act in a manner appropriate to the use and function of the library (see [Standard of Behavior Policy](#)).
- Library staff will attempt to locate the parents or responsible caregivers of unattended children (ages 8 and under) in the library. If parents or responsible caregivers cannot be located, staff will attempt to contact a parent or responsible caregiver by phone. If they cannot be reached or do not arrive within 30 minutes, library staff will call the Prescott Police Department to take responsibility for the child.
- If unattended minor children are in the library at closing time, two staff members will wait 10 minutes for the parents or responsible caregivers to arrive. If the parents or caregivers do not arrive by 10 minutes after closing, the library staff will call the Prescott Police Department to take responsibility for the child.
- Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children whether or not the parent is present.

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