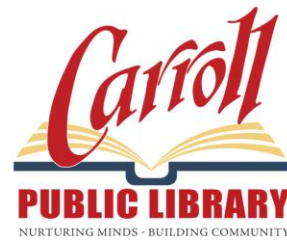


## **Carroll Public Library Safe Child Policy**



The Trustees and the Staff of the Carroll Public Library encourage children to come to the library and explore the possibilities the library has to offer. Out of concern for the welfare and safety of children when they are left unattended, the trustees have adopted the following policy:

- Children ages 6 and under must be accompanied by and directly supervised at all times by a caregiver while on the library premises unless the child is attending a library-sponsored program that does not require parent attendance.
- Caregivers must be at least 14 years of age.
- Children ages 7 and 8 must have a caregiver in the building.
- Children age 9 and older may be on library premises without a caregiver as long as they exhibit proper behavior in the library.
- While the Carroll Public Library is concerned about the safety and welfare of all children, parents and caregivers are ultimately responsible for the children's safety and welfare, and for monitoring children's activities and behavior.
- If a child 8 or younger is left unattended on library premises, the staff will attempt to contact a parent. If a parent cannot be contacted, the Police Department will be notified. Library staff is prohibited from giving children rides home at closing time. Parents are responsible for providing transportation home. In the event an unattended child cannot reach a parent or guardian for transportation, the staff will contact the Police department for assistance.

Your cooperation with our efforts to provide a safe and productive environment for all our visitors and patrons is greatly appreciated.

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