



Bridgman Public Library

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MINOR CHILD POLICY

In an effort to provide a Library environment that allows all patrons to use Library resources in a safe and productive manner, the Library has adopted this policy concerning minors and disruptive children. To ensure your child's safety and sense of security, please follow these rules:

- 1.1 Unattended Minor Children: Unattended minor children may not be on the Library premises. The Library requires such children to be accompanied by a mature, responsible parent, guardian or chaperon who is 16 or older.

- 1.2 Definition: An "unattended minor child" is defined as any child below the age of 18 whose safety and well-being is threatened by being left unattended for an inappropriate length of time considering the child's age, maturity and level of development. It includes, but is not limited to, all children, aged 10 or younger. It is the obligation of each child's parent or guardian to know the maturity and level of development of the child. Children older than 10, but who have not reached a level of maturity or development to be left unsupervised fall within this definition.

- 1.3 Supervision: Parents, guardians and/or chaperons are responsible for supervising minor children on the Library premises. Library staff are not permitted to supervise or otherwise be responsible for monitoring the behavior or activities of minor children while on Library premises.

- 1.4 Disruptive Persons: Persons who are disruptive on Library premises will be required to leave.

- 1.5 Police Assistance: Please verify operating hours prior to leaving a child at the Library. If a child is left at closing more than once, parents will be charged for the overtime paid to staff waiting with the child. If the problem persists, the right to use the Library may be revoked. If an unattended minor child is left at the Library 15 minutes after closing, the Bridgman Police Department will be called for assistance.