

Wayne County Public Library Safe Child Policy

Statement of Philosophy behind the Safe Child Policy

It is the aim of the Wayne County Public Library to provide a welcoming, pleasant, and safe environment for every child who visits the library. While the library staff will do whatever it can to ensure this, it must be understood that the staff does not take over parental responsibility when children come into the library.

The library staff has many duties to perform in order to serve all the citizens of Wayne County. The staff is unable to monitor the behavior and whereabouts of children using the library at all times. It is for the safety of each child that the Wayne County Public Library has adopted this safe child policy.

Safe Child Policy

All children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent, mentor, or other caregiver no less than 16 years of age. They may not be left at or allowed to remain in the library unattended.

Children under the age of 10 must remain under the close supervision of their caregiver. The responsible person will monitor the child's behavior and stay with them at all times while they are in the library.

Caregivers accompanying a child between the ages of 10 and 12 must remain in the main part of the building at all times while the child is in the library. The responsible person will be available to tend to any emergencies and respond to any disruptive behavior by the child when notified by staff.