

Unattended Children Policy

<i>Topic</i>	Library Services
<i>Authority</i>	Board
<i>Related Documents</i>	WBRL Patron Conduct Policy

Wood Buffalo Regional Library (WBRL) recognizes that persons of all ages have a right to a welcoming, respectful, supportive, and safe environment when they visit the Library. However, WBRL is a busy public place and library employees cannot assume responsibility for persons left unattended within our public facility.

Responsibility for the welfare and the behaviour of children using WBRL ultimately rests with the parent/guardian or an assigned caregiver.

WBRL expects parents, caregivers, and teachers to:

- not leave children ages seven and under unattended in or about library premises.
- monitor the use of services by children under their care.
- be responsible for the appropriate behaviour of children under their care.

At WBRL:

- Children ages eight and over are welcome to use the Library independently.
- Children ages seven and under must be accompanied by a caregiver ages 12 and older while in the Library.
- Children up to and including the age of five attending scheduled programs must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver during the program. Children ages 6 to 8 must be signed in and out of scheduled library programs by a parent or caregiver.
- Children are expected to abide by WBRL’s Patron Conduct Policy.

History

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