

Unattended Children Policy

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The Lillooet Public Library Association welcomes children to attend programs and to use the library to the fullest. However, Library staff cannot assume responsibility for supervising children. Parents and/or guardians should be aware that the library is a public place and, as such, is open to all members of the community. Therefore, children should not be left unattended on the premises.

1. Children under five (5) years of age:

Children under five must be accompanied at all times. Children should not be left unattended in the Children's section while parents and/or guardians conduct their own business in the library or elsewhere. While story-times are on, parents of pre-schoolers are free to browse within the library but should not leave the premises as their child might leave the story-time in search of them.

2. Children of Primary school age

Children of Primary school age may come into the library independently. If the library staff notices that children are left for extended periods of time, or are creating a problem, the parents and/or guardians will be contacted.

3. Unattended children at closing time

Library staff is directed not to assume responsibility for unattended children. If a child is unattended when the library closes and library staff cannot locate a parent and/or guardian, the police may be called if appropriate.

4. Notice to library members:

The following sign shall be posted in appropriate locations:

Parents are reminded that the library is a public place. Young children should not be left alone as the library staff cannot be responsible for them.