

CHILD SAFETY POLICY

The purpose of the *Child Safety* policy is to maintain a safe and secure environment for children using the Library and to reinforce that parents or guardians are responsible for the supervision and behavior of their children at all times.

Children age 5 and under must be accompanied, monitored, and within eyesight of a responsible caregiver (e.g. an adult or mature adolescent at least 11 years old) at all times while at the Grimes Public Library.

Children ages 6 and older who are able to maintain proper library behavior as stated in the *Behavior* policy may use the library unattended; otherwise a parent, guardian or responsible caregiver should adequately supervise them.

If a child is found unattended, staff will attempt to locate the person responsible for the child and review expectations for supervision. If the responsible caregiver cannot be located in the building staff will try to contact the parent/guardian to attend to their child. If arrangements cannot be made to get the child immediately or if the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the Polk County Sheriff's Department will be called upon to take custody of the child.

The Grimes Public Library assumes no responsibility for children left unattended on library premises.

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