

Safe Child Policy

The Lincoln Township Public Library strives to create a welcome environment for children of all ages. The library offers story hours and other activities throughout the year, internet access, and a variety of educational and leisure reading materials. The library staff wants children to enjoy the many opportunities for knowledge, reading appreciation, and cultural awareness.

No public place, including the public library, can guarantee the safety of children. As in all public places, “stranger danger” is a real concern. Library staff cannot prevent a child from wandering outside of the building or interacting with or leaving with persons who are not the appropriate caregivers. An unattended child could become lost, injured, or ill. If an emergency arose, the building might need to be evacuated. It is for these reasons that the Library Board of Trustees has adopted the Safe Child Policy.

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Policy updated March 30, 2018. Please visit our website at www.lincolnlb.org to view the entire policy.

*Parents, guardians and caregivers are responsible for the behavior and supervision of their children regardless of age while in the Library or on Library property.

*Library staff will not be expected to supervise or monitor children’s behavior.

*Children under the age of 12 must be attended by a parent, guardian, or responsible caregiver. The parent, guardian or responsible caregiver (who must be at least 14 years old) shall remain in the Library at all times.

*If a child under the age of 12 is attending a Library-sponsored program on the premises, the parent, a guardian, or responsible caregiver is to remain on the premises for the duration of the program.

*Children of any age who, because of developmental disability, mental illness,

or physical disability, require supervision or personal care shall be attended by a parent, guardian, or responsible caregiver at all times.

*Children ages 7 and under must be within the visual contact of a parent, guardian, or responsible caregiver at all times, including during programs and visits to the restroom.

*Children ages 7 and under may not be left in the Youth Services Department alone.

*Staff will not be responsible if unattended children of any age leave the Library premises alone or with other persons.

*We request that all unattended children be picked up at least 10 minutes before closing time. Parents, guardians, and responsible caregivers need to be aware of when the Library closes.

*If a parent, legal guardian, custodian or caregiver cannot be reached by closing time or fails to arrive within a reasonable time after being contacted, Library staff will contact law enforcement officials to take charge of the situation involving that unattended child. Library employees are not permitted to transport an unattended child or vulnerable adult under any circumstances.

Library’s Hours:

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed on Sunday



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