

UNATTENDED CHILD POLICY

The library cannot take legal responsibility for an unattended child in case of medical emergencies or abduction by strangers or other unauthorized persons. To protect your child while using the library and to promote child safety, Spencer Public Library has adopted the following policy to safeguard your child.

1. Children aged 3 and younger must be accompanied by a parent (or guardian) at all times. Children aged 3-9 must be accompanied and supervised by a guardian or caregiver, who is at least 15 years of age.
2. Parents may not leave children under age 9 in the library by themselves unless the child is attending age-appropriate programming and the parent (or guardian) returns to the library at the same time the program ends.
3. The use of the library as a temporary or permanent child care service by parents is not permitted. If the library staff believes this is the case, the parents (or guardian) will be notified immediately by phone or mail.
4. Parents (or guardians) are responsible for the behavior of their children and young adults who may disrupt library service to others. Disruptive young people age 9 or older may, if necessary, be asked to leave. Younger children who are disruptive must be dealt with by the parent (or guardian) present in the library at the time of the behavior.