

Lied Public Library Policy**Section: Relationships, Rights, and Responsibilities****Subject: Unattended Children Policy****Board****Approved: 06/2006****Reviewed: 09/2023****Revised: 01/2009**

Unattended Children Policy

To protect your child while using the Library, the Lied Public Library has an unattended children policy. No public place, including the Library, can guarantee the safety of children. A child left unattended in the Library may become disruptive or frightened; ill or injured. The public Library is not a childcare provider but a public institution where all patrons have an equal right to quality services in a safe and relaxed environment.

- Children ages 5 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times
- Children ages 7 and under must have a parent or caregiver in the Library building at all times
 - A caregiver must be a mature adolescent at least 12 years of age
- Children ages 8 and older may use the Library unattended, subject to the rules and regulations of the Lied Public Library concerning behavior, conduct and demeanor (see Behavior Policy)

If a child under the age of 7 is left unattended, the parent/caregiver will be located in the building and informed of the Library's policy. If not found in the building, further efforts to locate the parents/caregiver, including phoning, will be made. If the parent/caregiver is not located, or if the library is closing, the police will be called to assume responsibility for the child.