

**Lied Public Library Policy****Section: Relationships, Rights, and Responsibilities****Subject: Unattended Children Policy****Board****Approved: 06/2006****Reviewed: 09/2019****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.