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Policy Title	Unattended Children Policy	
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Policy Statement

In order to provide for the wellbeing and safety of all persons using the Robert R. Jones Public Library, the following rules and regulations apply.

PROCEDURE

- All children aged eight years and younger must be continuously supervised by a parent or adult (aged 18 or older), other than Library personnel.
- Children who are aged nine to twelve may be left unattended in the Library as long as the adult who accompanied them is in the building or they are attending a Library program.
- The Robert R. Jones Public Library will not assume responsibility for the child during that period.
- Children who are 13 years of age and older do not need to be accompanied by a parent or adult, subject to the policies posted by the Library concerning behavior and conduct. The Robert R. Jones Public Library is not responsible for the care and supervision of children left unattended.
- The Coal Valley Police Department may be notified of any children left at the Library upon closing. Up to two library staff members will stay with those children until the police arrive.
- Violators of the above policy are subject to the Robert R. Jones Public Library’s Disruptive Behavior, Harassment, and Sexual/Suggestive Misconduct Policy.