



Carbon County Library System

Children's Safety at the Library

The Carbon County Library system provides free, open, and equal access to ideas and information to all members of the community. This policy is designed to foster an atmosphere of mutual respect and courtesy and applies to all individuals while on library property.

~~While in the library,~~ Parents/legal guardians are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children under the age of eighteen. ~~Parents/legal guardians~~ ~~Such adults~~ are expected to set age-appropriate limits and observe necessary precautions for the safety of their **minors**.

While the library attempts to provide a safe and friendly environment for all its users, library staff cannot supervise individuals. Children under the age of ten cannot be left unattended or unsupervised in the library. **When attending a library program or using library facilities, adults are responsible for monitoring their children.**

Library employees do not act on behalf of parents/legal guardians, nor do they monitor, control or restrict what a minor **child** selects for reading, listening, viewing, and checking out. ~~when a parent/legal guardian is not present.~~ **Parents/legal guardians are encouraged to accompany their child to the library to best exercise their parental responsibility to approve of their children's reading materials. The Carbon County Library System assumes no responsibility for children's use of library materials.**

Providing appropriate transportation for children to and from the library is the responsibility of parents/legal guardians. Such adults should be aware of library business hours and plan accordingly. Library staff can assist children in contacting a parent/legal guardian prior to closing time. If safe transportation cannot be provided, library staff will have the option of contacting law enforcement to request safe transportation for the child to a safe space. Library staff cannot provide for the transportation needs of library users.