

ARGOS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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UNATTENDED CHILDREN

The trustees and staff of Argos Public Library are dedicated to the safety and enjoyment of children that we serve. We encourage all to enjoy reading, study, research and attending programs. However, parents, guardians and caregivers should be mindful that the library is a public building open to all individuals, and that unattended children are vulnerable.

Argos Public Library is not responsible for unattended children. The library cannot ensure the safety of any library patron of any age, especially children. Library staff duties cannot include babysitting or taking over any parental responsibilities for children when they are in the library. While Argos Public Library is concerned about the safety and welfare of all children, parents or responsible caregivers who are at least thirteen or over are the ones responsible for monitoring children's activities and behavior at all times while they are in the library.

1. Children under the age of 8 must at all times be accompanied and supervised by a parent or responsible caregiver who is at least 13 or over while in the library. Parents or caregivers cannot leave children unattended in the children's department while using other parts of the library.
2. Children between the ages of 8 and 12 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible caregiver if the library stay exceeds one hour.
3. Children may be asked to leave the library if behavior is not appropriate.
4. Parents will be notified by library staff if a child under 12 has been asked to leave the library or if a child under 12 is still in the library without a ride at closing time. If a parent cannot be contacted, the police department will be notified.

The Argos Public Library welcomes children of all ages to use the Library and we ask each parent, guardian or caregiver to help us in protecting all children.