

## **Beloit Public Library Unattended Child Policy**

Beloit Public Library welcomes children and families at our facility, but we understand that young children require constant supervision which Library staff is unable to provide.

To protect children while using the Library and to provide all customers with a public facility that is safe, pleasant, and conducive to appropriate library use, the following must be observed:

- Children ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver.
- A responsible caregiver must be at least fourteen (14) years old.
- Caregivers are responsible for the behavior and supervision of children in their care while at the Library.

If children ages 8 and younger are unattended in the Library, library staff will attempt to contact the parent or guardian of the child. If the parent or guardian cannot be located, for safety reasons, staff may contact the Beloit Police Department.

Any minor child who requires repeated intervention by library staff or who violates the Library's Behavior Policy may be asked to leave the library, and library staff may contact the child's parents/guardians or the Beloit Police Department.

Staff will assist children left unattended at closing in trying to reach a parent/guardian. If a parent/guardian does not arrive within 15 minutes of closing, library staff may contact the Beloit Police Department.