

## CHILD SAFETY POLICY

### Brooks Memorial Library

The Brooks Memorial Library strives to provide a welcoming atmosphere and a wide range of library services and resources to both children and adults. The library staff does not accept responsibility for the supervision or safety of children of any age in the building or on library property.

We ask that parents and/or caregivers observe the following rules to ensure that all library patrons regardless of age have a safe and pleasant library experience:

Children of all ages are subject to the rules as stated in the Brooks Memorial Library Behavior Code. Children who violate these rules will be subject to the appropriate action as stated in the library policy.

Children ~~6-11~~ years of age and under must be in the immediate presence of a parent or other responsible caregiver. ~~over the age of 12 at all times while inside the building or on library property.~~

Parents and /or caregivers are responsible for the safety, supervision and conduct of their children while in the building or on library property (regardless of whether they accompany the child to the library).

Arrangements must be made to pick up all children under age 16 before library closing time. Parents are responsible for notifying the librarian in charge if they are unavoidably delayed and unable to pick up their children by closing time. **If a child is not picked up by closing time, the librarian in charge and one other staff member will attempt to call the child's parents then wait with the child at the rear door of the library until the parents arrive.**

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