

DOOR COUNTY LIBRARY

Policies

Subject . Unattended Minors Policy

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Purpose

This policy provides a consistent model for access to library services for minors at all Door County Library branches.

Philosophy and Limits

The Door County Library provides free access to materials, resources, and space. All are welcome to use the eight library branches in Door County in a safe and respectful manner.

Recognizing that children of the same age may have differing abilities to conduct themselves in public, behavior while in the libraries is ultimately the responsibility of parents, guardians, or supervisory adults. However, for their own protection, children under the age of 8 must be accompanied, in sight of, and supervised by a parent, guardian, or supervisory adult while in any Door County Library building.

In order to provide a safe and welcoming environment, Library staff notes all behavior that is outside of the parameters set by the Door County Library Rules of Conduct Policy. Regardless of age, staff will have a conversation with those who are not following the Rules of Conduct Policy. In the case of minors (under 16), parents may be contacted, whether in the library or elsewhere.

Special Circumstances

When the library is operating under special circumstances, the age limits may be temporarily altered to ensure a safe environment.