

Unattended Children Policy

In order to prevent undue disruption of normal library activities; to accommodate the general welfare of all persons using the library; and to provide for the general safety of children using the Johnson Creek Public Library; the Library Board of Trustees has approved the following rules and regulations as policy effective March 11, 1998.

1. All children seven (7) years of age or younger, shall, at all times, be attended and adequately supervised by a responsible adult or mature adolescent thirteen (13) years of age or older.
2. Children eight (8) years through twelve (12) years of age may use the library unattended providing proper behavior is maintained. However, children who come to the library unattended on a regular basis (2 or more days weekly) may stay only one hour unattended each day.
3. Children thirteen (13) years of age or older may use the library unattended providing proper behavior is maintained. If proper behavior is not maintained, a limit of one hour for children who come to the library unattended on a regular basis (2 or more days weekly) will be imposed.

In all situations, children with disruptive behavior will be asked to leave the library building and property. Procedures for inappropriate behavior will take effect immediately. The library staff will call the parents, and the police, if necessary. If the parents are called, it may be required that the child be accompanied by the parent when he or she returns to the library. The Johnson Creek Public Library assumes no responsibility for children left unattended on library premises, including prior to or following all scheduled events.

Johnson Creek Public Library
Board of Trustees

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