

TOWN OF PEACE RIVER LIBRARY BOARD

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Supervision of Children & Vulnerable Library Users	October 5, 2023	4_OP.04.2014
POLICY #	SECTION	DATE LAST REVIEWED
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Purpose

To ensure the safety of all children visiting the Peace River Municipal Library and Art Gallery.

Terms

Parent: Throughout this policy, the term parent will mean a parent, guardian, or caregiver. This is a person capable of providing care and direction for a child or vulnerable library user.

Policy

1. The library welcomes children of all ages, but it cannot be responsible for their safety or supervision outside of scheduled programs.
 - 1.1. For children ages 6 years and under, a parent is required to remain present with their children during programs.
2. Children ages 8 years and under must be accompanied by a parent when visiting the library outside of a scheduled program.
 - 2.1. For children ages 6 years and under, a parent is required to remain present with their children throughout the library visit.
3. Any unattended person visiting the library must be capable of performing the following without assistance:
 - 3.1. Following our Patron Code of Conduct
 - 3.2. Using the restroom
 - 3.3. Contacting a parent
 - 3.4. Leaving the library (in the event of an evacuation, library closure, etc.)
4. If a person is left in the library without proper supervision (i.e. the library user is 8 years old or under, or the library user is not capable of performing the duties listed in 3.1-3.4), staff will follow the directions in the *Emergency Response & Prevention Plan for Child Found Unattended*.
5. Children will be provided full access to library resources (including but not limited to books, computers, and spaces available to the public).
 - 5.1. It is the sole responsibility of the parent to monitor their children's use of library spaces and resources.