

Unattended Children/ safe child policy

The City of South Perth Public Library service is dedicated to providing a welcoming and safe environment for people of all ages. It is for the safety of each child that this policy has been introduced.

Library staff cannot monitor the behaviour and safety of children using the library. The responsibility for the safety and behaviour of each child rests with the parent/caregiver.

1. Children aged 3 or under, must be within visual contact of the responsible adult when in the library.
2. Children 10 and under must be under the supervision of a responsible adult when in the library. If the child is attending a library program or event, the parent/caregiver must notify the Youth Services Librarian of their intention to leave their child, and provide contact details. Please refer to point 5.
3. Older children may use the library unattended for an amount of time appropriate to their age and maturity, providing they comply with library rules and code of conduct. Children will be asked to leave the library if they do not comply with the library rules.
4. Parents/guardians are responsible for making arrangements for their children to be picked up before the library closes. The library is not responsible for children without a lift home at closing time.
5. Children's Events: Before leaving the child at the event, you must speak to the Youth Services Librarian. A contact sheet will be provided to leave your details in case of an emergency. Also, if someone other than the parent who left the child, is collecting the child at the conclusion of the event, their details must be provided as well.

