



## Taber Public Library Policy Manual

### General Policy: Supervision of Children

#### PURPOSE:

The Taber Public Library believes that parents or caregivers are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children in the library or on surrounding premises. Library staff will be unable to watch children as a parent does in terms of supervision and safety. Staff is occupied with services and programs and cannot be aware of all activity taking place at all times.

#### POLICY:

Children must be supervised by a parent or caregiver at all times, UNLESS otherwise stated in the below guidelines. Those children participating in library programming are under the supervision of library staff for the duration of the program ONLY.

#### GUIDELINES:

1. Definitions:
  - 1.1 Child – means any person twelve (12) years of age and under;
  - 1.2 Parent – means custodial parent or legal guardian;
  - 1.3 Caregiver – means any person who is not a parent or guardian but is in temporary charge of a child, over the age of 11 years.
2. Staff at the Taber Library have the authority to name any minor who may not use the library without the supervision of a parent or caregiver.
3. Children who are nine (9) years of age and older may use the library independently provided a parent or caregiver is readily accessible within the library or easily reached by phone. Children must be 11 years of age or older to supervise younger siblings within the library, otherwise, children under the age of nine must be supervised by a parent or caregiver.
4. If the parent or caregiver cannot be located and/or the library is closing, at the discretion of the Library Manager, the police will be notified.

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