

Wales Public Library
Unattended Child Policy
Adopted by the Library Board of Trustees
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Children over the age of eight years old who are capable of independently using the facility are welcome at the Wales Public Library without a parent or responsible adult as long as there is a purpose for their presence. The library is not a substitute for child care or a place for loitering without purpose.

The Staff of the Wales Public Library is not responsible for the safety of an unattended child.

Children may use the library for homework or to pursue an interest through the use of the materials and resources available at the library. Programs are held at various times for children, and reading and the choosing of materials to borrow will always be encouraged. Staff will be available for direction and support of appropriate activities.

Computer use will be limited to research and educational internet sites, and not for social or gaming use, due to demand. The use of individually owned wireless devices for other uses is permitted as long as it does not disrupt other patrons.

Social interaction will be tolerated as long as this interaction does not impact other patrons or the work of the staff.

Any activity which does not meet these specifications will not be tolerated. Children who behave in a manner which is disruptive to others will be asked to leave. Please be prepared to retrieve your children as their transportation is not the responsibility of library staff. Children not able or willing to adhere to these standards will have to be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult on future visits to the Wales Public library. Please refer to the behavior policy for further information regarding behavior at the library.