

## Pontiac Public Library Child Safety Policy

The Pontiac Public Library strives to provide a positive and safe environment for all patrons, especially families and children. It is recognized that unattended or disruptive children at the library can represent a serious concern. Responsibility for behavior and well-being of children using the library rests with the parents/guardian/caregiver, not with library staff. The library is a public building and it is not safe for young children to be left alone.

Children 12 years and younger must be attended by a responsible caregiver of at least 14 years of age. If children younger than 12 years of age are found without a responsible caregiver, staff will attempt to locate the parent/guardian/caregiver and reunite them with the children. If those persons cannot be located either within the library building or at home within one hour, or if the building is closing, staff will contact the local police department to pick up the children.

The library is not a playground. Patrons must maintain appropriate behavior at all times. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and may serve as ground for removal of the child from the building.