

**Atchison Public Library**  
**Unattended Children Policy**  
(adopted by the Board of Trustees, Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009)

Prompted by concern for the safety and well being of all patrons, especially our children, Atchison Public Library has adopted a policy for unattended children. This policy affirms that Atchison Library personnel do not take the place of the parent, act as caregiver or babysitter nor assume responsibility for unattended children. For your child's safety and for the comfort of all library patrons, we ask that this policy be followed.

All children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a responsible guardian at least 14 years of age. Parents, or other accountable persons, accompanying children are responsible for their child/ren's behavior during their visit to the library.

The staff cannot be responsible for the safety of your child. Should it come to the attention of the library staff that a young child has been left alone, we will attempt to locate the parent or guardian and explain our concerns. If those responsible cannot be located within the hour or if the library is closing, local authorities will be contacted and asked for their assistance in finding them.

These procedures are set for the safety of your child/ren and for the comfort of all those using the library facilities and services. As always, Atchison Library encourages you to bring your children to the library often and allow them to explore and appreciate the world of reading.