

Guidelines for the Supervision of Children in the Library

Wyndham City welcomes children to our libraries and we strive to provide an environment to meet their recreational, informational and educational needs.

The term children is understood to refer to children 12 years and under.

The library however, is a public building with staff trained to provide public library services. The library is not equipped and it is not the library's role to provide long or short time child care.

For the safety and comfort of children, a responsible adult or caregiver should accompany children while they are using the library. While in the library, parents and caregivers are responsible for monitoring the activities and regulating the behaviour of their children.

Library staff members will respond to guidelines in situations, such as:

- A child is found frightened or crying in the library
- A child is perceived to be endangering him or herself, or that another person in the library poses a perceived threat to the unattended child
- A child exhibits inappropriate behaviour
- A child has not been met by a responsible caregiver at closing time.

After evaluating the situation, Library staff members will attempt to contact the parent or caregiver. If parents/caregivers are unable to be contacted, staff will contact the Police.

We thank you for your cooperation.