



Hobbs Public Library
HOBBS, NM

SAFE CHILD POLICY

Hobbs Public Library welcomes children of all ages. We hope that by visiting the Library and using the resources we offer, children will develop a lifelong love of reading and learning.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The well-being of children who visit the Library is a serious concern to the staff, and we attempt to ensure their safety at all times. Staff members have many duties to perform in order to serve our patrons and cannot monitor the behavior or whereabouts of each child. Library staff members do not take over parental/guardian responsibilities for children who visit the Library. Therefore the responsibility for the safety and behavior of children lies with their parents or guardians, both within the Library building and on Library grounds.

SUPERVISION:

Children must be at least eight (8) years of age before being left unattended at the library. Children younger than eight years of age (8) should be accompanied (at all times) by a parent, guardian, or a caregiver. (A caregiver is one who has been designated by a parent or guardian, and must be at least fourteen years of age.) Parents and guardians are reminded that unexpected events can occur while their children are at the Library unattended. Parents and guardians should provide unattended children with a phone number where they may be reached in case of an emergency. Parents and guardians should be aware of Library hours. Parents and guardians are responsible for making sure that any children left at the Library are picked up prior to closing time.

BEHAVIOR:

All children are expected to abide by the Library's Behavior Policy. When disruptive, a child shall be reminded of this policy. If disruptive behavior continues, Library staff will attempt to reach the parent or guardian. In the event the parent or guardian cannot be contacted, other authorities will be called.

Adopted by the Hobbs Public Library Board

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