

# KIRKENDALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

## ANKENY, IOWA

*The Kirkendall Public Library enhances our community members' lives by:*

- *offering experiences to support and nourish the community's spirit, imagination and culture*
  - *providing opportunities for personal growth and success*
  - *contributing to the growth and development of our families and children*
    - *supporting the economic vitality of our community*

### UNATTENDED CHILDREN'S POLICY

**Background:** In an effort to provide a safe/secure environment for children using the library, promote a patron friendly atmosphere, and insure a prompt, professional, effective response should a child become unaccounted for during a visit to the library the following policy and procedures have been developed.

**Policy:** The Kirkendall Public Library Board of Trustees takes seriously its responsibility to promote and provide a safe, welcoming, and secure environment for patrons of all ages. Creating such an environment requires the participation of all who use the library. Children and their parents are entitled to experience the library without fear or concern for their basic safety.

**Procedure:** Unattended Children

A parent of accompanying caregiver is responsible for monitoring and controlling the child's behavior while at the library.

The following supervision expectations shall be adhered to while at the library.

Ages Five and Under: All children five and under shall be with a parent or accompanying caregiver (age 14 or older) at all times while at the library.

Ages Six and Seven: All children ages six and seven shall have a parent or accompanying caregiver (age 14 or older) in the building at all times while they are at the library.

Ages Eight and Older: All children ages eight and older may stay at the library, unaccompanied unless their behavior becomes a problem. In which case the parent will be called.