



# ***Little Chute Public Library***

Gerard H. Van Hoof Memorial

## Unattended Minor Policy

The Little Chute Library strives to create a warm, welcoming, and vibrant environment for all of our community members. As a public library, our staff and facility can not act in place of the caregiver. Caregivers/guardians of minors in the library must be responsible for the conduct of the minor while at the library and must provide reasonable supervision of the minor that is appropriate for the age and level of maturity of each minor at all times.

Unattended minors must be mature enough to act according to the Rules of Conduct Policy to be left unattended in the library. Caregivers know the child best, if the minor is not mature enough to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and follow the Rules of Conduct Policy, they should not be unattended at the public library. Caregivers are reminded that unexpected events can occur while children are left at the Library and the Library is open to everyone.

Staff members will always respond with care and concern, but responsibility for the welfare of minors using the Library rests with the caregiver. If a minor is not following the Rules of Conduct and/or is disturbing other community members' use of the library the staff may as needed:

- Ask the minor to leave the library or wait outside of the library for transportation.
- Notify parents of poor behavior and the need for additional supervision while at the Library.

- Contact police to assist with the enforcement of Library policy or to ensure the safety of an unattended minor.
  - For the safety of the minor, those who are unable or unwilling to provide staff with caregiver information will be referred to the police department.
- If any minor is in the building at closing and is unable to get home safely, police will be contacted to ensure the safety of the minor.