

## **PAHRUMP COMMUNITY LIBRARY - CHILDREN SUPERVISION POLICY**

The Pahrump Community Library is not the guarantor of the safety of the children who use our facilities. Our facilities are open to the public, a situation that can present risks to children. The safety and security of the children are the responsibility of the parent or adult caregiver. The Pahrump Community Library does not and cannot act as a babysitter or protector of children.

A child under the age of ~~10~~ 12 years should be under the supervision of a person who assumes responsibility for him or her.

If a child wishes to leave the Library, the Library staff cannot legally detain him or her.

Parents or adult caregivers should monitor all activities and behavior of their children while they are in the Library. The staff person in charge will request that a child leave the premises if the Library Rules of Conduct are not followed.

If a minor (anyone under the age of 18) is left at the Library at closing time or in the event of an emergency situation, staff will attempt to contact the parents or adult caregivers. If the parents or adult caregivers cannot be contacted, staff will immediately notify the sheriff.

If an emergency forces the immediate closing of the Library, children should know what procedure to follow as determined by their parents or adult caregivers.

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