

**BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY**  
**SAFE CHILD POLICY**

Adopted by the Library Advisory Board January 2006

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Children of all ages are welcome in the library. Keeping in mind that libraries are public buildings the following policy has been established to help keep our young patrons safe:

**POLICY**

1. Adults/caregivers accompanying children at the library need to make sure children are following the *Rules for Use of the Beaverton City Library*.
2. Children under 10 years of age must always be accompanied by an adult/caregiver (ORS 163.545.). This means the adult/caregiver must supervise the child during the entire library visit by staying in the same room/area as the child. If a child under 10 years of age is unattended and an adult/responsible caregiver cannot be located within 10 minutes, library staff will call for outside assistance to reunite caregiver and child.
3. When Library events require children to attend on their own, children shall be brought to the room immediately prior to the program and immediately met outside the room at the program's conclusion.
4. Library staff is not responsible for the supervision of children in any area of the library, at any time except during library programs where parents/caregivers do not attend.
5. At closing, if there is child under 10 not accompanied by an adult/caregiver, staff will call for outside assistance to reunite caregiver and child before leaving the building.