Spring Township Library
Child Safety Policy

The Spring Township Library welcomes patrons of all ages, including those under the age of 18. We are happy to provide materials and programs to engage and encourage literacy in the youth of our community.

The responsibility for the care, safety and behavior of children using the Spring Township Library rests with the parent/guardian or caregiver. Unlike the public school system, the library does not act *in loco parentis*. The staff and/or volunteers of the library cannot accept responsibility for the safety or supervision of minors.

When using Internet access computers, children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult and have a signed Internet Agreement/Permission form on file.

Children 7 and under must have a parent/guardian in attendance to supervise them at all times during their visit to the library. Children ages 8–12 may use the library unattended for an amount of time appropriate for their age and maturity as determined by the library staff. Parents are still responsible for the actions of their children.

If a child under the age of 7 is found without a parent or caregiver, the staff will attempt to:

- Locate the parent or caregiver in the Library and explain the Child Safety Policy.

- Make every effort to contact the parent or caregiver who is not in the library to come and pick up the child. Staff will express the library's concern for the child's safety and explain the Child Safety Policy.

- Encourage an unattended child to contact the parent or guardian if it is within 15 minutes of closing time. If a parent or caregiver cannot be reached or does not arrive within 15 minutes of closing, the library staff will call the Spring Township Police Department to pick up the child. Staff will notify the Library Director that the police have been called.

- Remain with the child until the parent/guardian/caregiver or police arrive.

Staff members will not, under any circumstances, transport any child from the Spring Township Library to another location.