



CHILD BEHAVIOR & SUPERVISION

Updated by the Library Advisory Board **PROPOSED REVISION**

The Petersburg Public Library welcomes children and families. Children, like all library users, are expected to treat other patrons, staff, and library property with respect and to behave appropriately in this shared public space following these guidelines:

1. Caregiver Guidelines

- a. All children under age 8 must be directly supervised at all times by a responsible person who is at least 14 years old.
- b. Caregivers are responsible for ensuring that children behave as outlined in the library's *Customer Code of Conduct* (see reverse).
- c. Children aged 8 and older who can follow the library's *Customer Code of Conduct*, may visit the library alone if they have contact information for caregiver who can assist if needed.

2. Library Staff Guidelines

- a. Caregivers—not library staff—are responsible for their child's safety and behavior. Library staff cannot take the place of a parent or caregiver
- b. Children not following the library's *Customer Code of Conduct* will be asked to leave and staff may contact law enforcement if necessary.
- c. Children may not stay after the library closes. If someone under 18 is left at closing or during an emergency library staff will attempt to contact a caregiver if contact information is available. If no one is reached, or the individual is not picked up within 10 minutes, law enforcement will be contacted for assistance.

3. Legal considerations

- a. Parents, guardians, and caregivers should be aware that Alaska laws (47.10.013 and 47.10.014, p. 53) outlines the consequences of leaving a child alone in a public place. Our policy is based on these laws