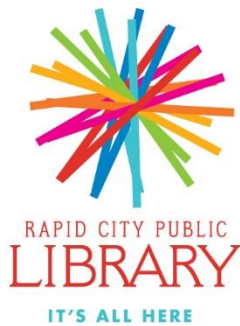


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Date: May 11, 2020
To: Rapid City Public Library Board
From: Pat Jones, Policy Committee Chair
Re: Unattended Children Policy

Date: May 5, 2020
To: Pat Jones, Policy Committee Chair
From: Sean Minkel, Assistant Director
Re: Unattended Children Policy

Motion: Move to approve updates to the Unattended Children policy as presented.

Background: The Unattended Children policy describes the expectations and guidelines for use of the library by children with emphasis on the responsibilities of caregivers and actions to be taken by library staff in the event of unattended children.

The significant change to this policy increases the age at which children may be unattended in the library from 9 to 12. This change is intended to reduce the number of young children at the library on their own, especially with the additional safety measures required due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Similar policies at other libraries of comparable size were reviewed; while this age recommendation is at the high end of the spectrum, it is not outside of what other libraries already have in place.

All other changes are to clarify or simplify existing language.