



**sedona
public
library**

Youth Safety Policy 04/15/18

The staff at Sedona Public Library welcomes all ages to visit and use the library and its resources. We are concerned about the safety of all library users, especially minors. The library is not equipped, nor is it the library's role, to provide long-term or short-term daycare for children of any age. Parents, legal guardians, and the responsible caregivers are accountable for the safety and behavior of children in their charge.

- All children should know, or have in their possession, the phone number of parents and caregivers that can assist them in an emergency.
- Children under 10 years of age must have an attentive parent/caregiver in the library at all times.
- Children 5 years of age and under must have direct parent/caregiver supervision at all times.
- Children between 10 and 17 years of age should not be left unattended for an unreasonable length of time. Parent and youth should determine the "reasonable" duration of time considering maturity of the child, and the ability of the child to demonstrate appropriate public library behavior.
- Library staff may ask any patron, including children between 10 and 17 years of age, to leave the library if they use inappropriate behavior, or if inappropriate behavior is continuous.
- Youth under 18 years of age may not remain on library property after closing.
 - The Sedona Police Department will be called for assistance if a minor is still at the library 15 minutes beyond closing time. The library closes at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and 8 p.m. on Wednesday.