



To: Library Board

Fr: Peter Loeffel, Library Director and Abby Bussen, Children's Library Supervisors

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Re: Safe Child policy

Purpose/Need

The Wauwatosa Public Library (WPL)'s Safe Child policy is being presented to the Policy committee for review with a few updates.

Background

In December, the Children's Library staff began a review of Safe/Unattended Child policies at libraries in communities with demographics similar to Wauwatosa. Based on that review, we recommend the following changes to WPL's Safe Child policy:

- Changing the language of the first section to shift the onus of responsibility from children attending WPL to their responsible caregiver;
- More clearly identifying the supervision expectations for specific age ranges;
- Referring back to the WPL Code of Conduct and how it applies to patrons of all ages; and
- Creating an understanding of WPL as a public location where appropriate precautions for the safety of children should be taken.

The current policy is attached along with an updated draft policy.

Recommendation

To recommend that the updated Code of Conduct policy be presented to the Library Board for consideration.