

#### **4.4 Colorado Library Card**

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The Poudre River Public Library District is a participant in the Colorado Library Card program. This program allows walk-in patrons to check-out materials free of charge from any participating library in the state. It is available for Colorado residents only.

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#### **4.5 Unattended Children**

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Poudre River Public Library District welcomes and encourages children to use the materials and services of the libraries. As libraries are essential to the lives of children, we strive to provide useful, safe and inviting spaces for youth in all of our facilities.

However, neither the library nor its staff members act in loco parentis (in place of parents). The libraries are public facilities which are open to everyone and parents or caregivers are expected to accompany children in need of supervision on library visits to ensure the safety and well-being of their children. At all times, parents or caregivers are responsible for their children's behavior and safety.

If an unattended child appears to be lost, is being disruptive, or if in the judgment of supervisory staff, his or her safety is jeopardized, library staff will attempt to locate the parent or caregiver. If the parents or caregiver cannot be located, and the child is under the age of twelve years, the child may be placed in the care of the local law enforcement agency.

The library and its staff members will not under any circumstances be responsible for determining whether an apparent caregiver, custodian or parent is a legally authorized caregiver, custodian or custodial parent of the child.

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