

## **Emergency Procedures**

### **Medical/Health Emergencies:**

Library staff is advised to exercise caution when administering first aid of even a minor nature because of the safety of the injured individual and the potential liability of the staff member. Without specialized training, library staff is advised to help keep the sick or injured person comfortable until medical help arrives. In the event of a serious medical problem, 9-1-1 will be called immediately. If possible, staff should try to calmly get the person's name and phone number, as well as attempt to contact the person's home.

### **Fire:**

At the first indication of smoke or fire, the Scottsbluff Fire Department will be called (9-1-1). Library staff is instructed to evacuate every person from the building immediately. Library staff will clear the building of all persons and instruct everyone to gather under the pergola directly across the parking lot from the front entrance. Library customers must evacuate, even in a case of a false alarm. The Scottsbluff Fire Department must check the entire building and reset the alarm before anyone can re-enter the building.

### **Tornado Watch/Tornado Warning:**

Library staff will notify library customers when severe weather, specifically a tornado watch, has been issued for Scotts Bluff County. All unaccompanied children will be encouraged to call a parent, guardian or caregiver to secure safe transportation home.

When the tornado watch becomes a tornado warning for Scotts Bluff County, all library customers will be advised to accompany library staff to the back hallway for safety. Adults and adults with children may choose to leave at that moment at their own discretion, however, they will be asked to make the decision quickly as staff will be securing the building and escorting other customers to safety. Signs will be posted to advise anyone entering the Library's lobby to seek shelter in the men's restroom, as interior doors will be locked for security reasons. All staff will remain until the warning has been lifted.