

Unattended Children

To ensure the safety and well-being of children and to maintain an atmosphere of constructive use, children under the age of eight must be accompanied by a parent or designated responsible person.

Responsibility for the welfare and behavior of children using the library rests with the parent, guardian, or responsible caregiver. Though library staff will always respond with care and concern, they cannot assume responsibility for children's safety and comfort when they are unattended.

- Preschool children should be in sight of and supervised by a parent, guardian, or responsible caregiver. Parents or caregivers of preschool children must remain in the library while children are attending library programs.
- Older children able to maintain proper library behavior may use the library unattended, otherwise they should be adequately supervised by a parent guardian, or responsible caregiver.

Library staff may, as needed, notify parents, guardians, or responsible caregivers whose children need additional supervision.

Library staff may contact authorities such as the Police to ensure the safety of an unattended child.

Library staff will make a reasonable effort to assure that children leave the library comfortably and safely at closing time. If any children remain at the library fifteen minutes after closing, staff will contact the Police to ensure safe transport.