

Unattended Child Policy

Children under the age of 12 may not be left unattended in the library. A child is unattended if he/she is in the library without a parent or a responsible person over the age of 16. A parent or a responsible person who accompanies a child under the age of 12 to a library-sponsored program must remain in the library during the program.

When a staff member identifies an unattended child, they will attempt to find the individual responsible for the child on the premises. When it is determined that the child has been left in the library unattended, staff will attempt to contact the parent(s) and request that the child be picked up immediately and the parent(s) will be given a copy of this policy. If the parent(s) cannot be located, or if the parent(s) do not pick up the child within 30 minutes, staff will contact the police.

Under no circumstances will a staff member ever take a child out of the library or give a child a ride home. The library in no way assumes responsibility for any child left unattended in the library.

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