

UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

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The Library Board and staff are concerned for the safety and welfare of children who use the library unattended by a parent or guardian. The library also has an interest in maintaining an environment free from disruptive behavior by unattended children.

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to:

- Stay at the library with children aged 0 - 7 or ensure that any caregivers with whom they leave their children are sufficiently responsible to provide care and are at least 14 years of age.
- Encourage positive behavior by their children while in the library.
- Cooperate with the library staff if their children are disruptive or if they interfere with or endanger others.
- Provide a means of transportation home from the library by the time the library closes.

The Library Board respects the rights and privacy of all library patrons. Library staff will only intervene when children are left unattended and problems of safety, disruptive behavior, or well-being occurs. Library staff will follow established library procedure for the protection of the child or to maintain an environment free from disruption in accordance with the Library Conduct Policy.