

Unattended Child Policy

Providing a welcoming environment requires cooperation between staff and customers of all ages. Following the Code of Conduct posted at each Library and on the website is an important step in ensuring the Library remains a welcoming place for everyone.

The Library welcomes children! We also recognize that for the sake of safety, all children seven (7) and under should always be accompanied by a responsible caregiver. The responsibility for the safety and behavior of children while they are in the Library rests with the parent/caregiver and not with Library personnel.

The following guidelines will be adhered to:

- Children 7 and under must have a parent/caregiver in the immediate vicinity of and in visual contact with the child. An exception will be made for children attending a Library program without a parent or caregiver in the room.
- If a child 7 and under is found unattended, Library staff will attempt to locate the parent/caregiver in the Library and inform him/her of the rules. If the parent/caregiver cannot be found, or if the child is found unattended again, the police will be called.
- If a child 17 or under is expelled from the Library for one week or more, Library staff will try to contact the parent/caregiver to establish a behavior plan and discuss Library conduct rules.