

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

The Library welcomes children to use its facilities and services. However, library staff cannot accept responsibility for the safety, care or supervision of children. Parents and legal guardians are responsible for their children's library use, including their safety and behavior.

The Library recognizes that children grow and mature differently. Some children are able to use the library independently while others need close supervision. In any case, the Library requires that children age ten (10) and under be accompanied at all times by a parent or other caregiver aged 16 years or older. Older children, (age 11 and older) are welcome to use the library independently. The Library is not responsible for children left alone without proper supervision.

The Library reserves the right to suspend library privileges of children who engage in misconduct.

If a child (age 10 and younger) is left unattended at any time, or if a child (14 or younger) is left in the library at closing time, staff will attempt to contact the parent or guardian. If staff is unable to contact the parent/guardian within a reasonable amount of time, the local police will be contacted. Two staff members shall stay with the child until the parent/guardian or proper authorities arrive. Staff members are not to transport the child to another location.