



POLICY 3.8 UNATTENDED CHILDREN

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Need for this Policy:

Children are welcome at the Library. However, a policy to deal with unattended children is needed.

Policy:

Children ten (10) years of age or younger must be accompanied while at the Library by a parent or caregiver. The parent or caregiver must be in the immediate vicinity of (and in visual contact with) the child. While children of this age groups are in attendance at a supervised library program, parents must remain in the library and are expected to pick up their child at the end of the program.

Children between eleven (11) and fourteen (14) shall not be left unattended in the Library for more than three hours and must be picked up or leave the premises by normal closing hours.

Responsibilities:

Children are the responsibility of their parents or caregivers. The Library takes no responsibility for the safety or welfare of children left unattended at the Library in violation of this policy.

If a child is left at the Library in violation of this policy, the Library will call the parent or caregiver to pick up the child. If a parent or caregiver cannot be reached, and/or cannot pick up the child within 30 minutes of such call, local authorities will be called and apprised of the situation.

Under no circumstances will Library staff arrange for or transport the child off the Library premises.

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Initial Adoption Date	Modified Date	Description of Modification
10/15/88		
	12/1/98	
	9/19/05	
	9/19/16	Changed minimum age of unattended children to 10 years and younger; updated language to reflect current practice