

Children - Unattended

When children are left unattended at the library problems can arise. Young children may become frightened or confused and wander away. Older children cannot be expected to deal with a small child who is frightened, tired or ill. Older children left on their own for extended periods may become bored and disruptive. Since the library is a public building, strangers might approach children. If an unattended child has a medical emergency the library staff cannot take legal responsibility.

Therefore to protect children while using the library and to provide all customers with a facility that is safe, pleasant and conducive to library use, the following guidelines must be observed:

1. A caregiver over the age of fourteen (14) must accompany persons under the age of twelve (12). The caregiver is responsible for the behavior and supervision of children in their care while at the library.
- 2. The library reserves the right to contact parents, guardians or other proper authorities, including the police, if minors are left unattended and require supervision or if they are left unattended after closing.**
3. The library requires that caregivers of children under the age of eight (8) stay within the line of sight of the children.