

# LIBRARY OPERATIONS POLICIES

## Unattended Children

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### **Policy Statement:**

The library is dedicated to providing a welcoming environment that encourages children to visit the library, attend programs, and use library collections and spaces. Library staff is available to assist and support children in using the library. However, staff cannot provide child care or assume responsibility for children's safety. Parents, guardians, teachers, and caregivers are responsible for the behavior and safety of children on library premises.

### **Regulations:**

1. Children under the age of 10 must be supervised by a person of age 14 or older. Parents/guardians/caregivers are to remain in the immediate vicinity of their child(ren) using the library. If a child under the age of 10 is attending a library program, the caregiver must remain in the building during the scheduled event.
2. Children left unattended at closing will be required to call a caregiver. If a child is not picked up at 20 minutes after closing, such child will be treated by the library employee as abandoned and as a child in need of care and the police will be notified and requested to take charge of an abandoned child in need of care.