Use of the Library by Children

The library invites and encourages children to use its facilities to develop a love of books, reading, and other media. Children are expected to behave in a manner that does not disturb the enjoyment of others nor jeopardize their safety or that of others. The library is not responsible for children left unattended on library property.

Children under the age of eight must be in the immediate presence of an attending adult.

Children ages eight through eleven must not be in the library unattended by an adult for more than two hours. The library and its grounds are not continuously monitored by staff. Parents/guardians leaving their children alone accept the resulting risks.

Library staff will assist lost or unattended children to find parents/guardians or an attending adult within the library building, or, if necessary, elsewhere. **If a responsible adult has not been located within an hour or if the library is closing, the police will be notified.**

Unattended young people, ages 12-17, may use the library as adults.

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