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## **Unattended Youth Policy**

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Youth are encouraged to use the Library's resources and services, to enjoy the Library as a place of study and inquiry, and to participate in the Library's programs. The Library encourages parents, guardians, and caregivers to use the Library with their youth.

**Parents, guardians and caregivers are responsible for the behavior of the youth in their care, whether or not they are present.**

- Children eight and under, or vulnerable people of any age, must be accompanied at all times by a responsible party
- Disruptive youth may be asked to disperse or leave the Library at the staff's discretion
- The Library is not responsible for the safety or security of youth left unattended
- Any youth not able to travel alone must be picked up prior to closing
- If it is determined that a youth is lost or left unattended, every reasonable attempt will be made to identify and locate the parents or responsible adult
- If unattended youth remains at the library after closing time, the proper authorities may be notified