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Unattended Youth

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 under the age of ten (10), or those who have emotional and/or social difficulties, must be accompanied at all times by a responsible party who is sixteen (16) years of age or older
- The responsible party must remain within the same room
- Disruptive (as defined in the Patron Code of Conduct Policy) 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