



Unattended Children Policy

As we strive to provide a safe environment for the public, we encourage families to use the library together. Library employees assist patrons with library materials and services, while responsibility for the supervision of young children rests with parents, legal guardians, and caregivers.

Children ages five and under must be accompanied by a caregiver age 14 or over at all times. The caregiver must remain with the child during the entire library visit.

Children ages six thru nine may attend the library's Youth Services programs independently but should be met at the conclusion of the program inside the library.

Children ages 10 and older may be left unattended at the library until closing time.

If a child **under the age of 10** is left alone in the library, library staff will evaluate the situation and attempt to contact the parent or legal guardian. In the event that person cannot be reached, library staff will document the situation and the child may be placed in the care of the Fairfield Police Department.

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