

Unattended Child Policy

In order to maintain a safe environment and promote an atmosphere where reading and studying can be encouraged:

1. Parents/Guardians are responsible for the conduct of their minor (under age 18) children in the library and on library grounds.
2. For their safety and security, children under ten (10) years of age must be supervised by a caregiver who remains with the child at all times.

The Library is not a childcare center and cannot legally function as such (N.J.S.A. 30:5B-1-15). It is the responsibility of the parent or caregiver to be accessible, at any time, to pick up any minor left unattended in the Library. If a parent cannot be located, the police will be notified, as that child will be considered abandoned (N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.21).

3. If a child under ten (10) years of age is left unattended at the library or on library grounds, staff will call the parents/guardians or their designee to collect the child.

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