

## **813 Unattended Children**

See also related policy on Library Use (809).

813.1 The purpose of the unattended children policy is to maintain a safe and secure environment for children using the Library and to reinforce that parents or guardians are responsible for the supervision and behavior of their children at all times.

813.2 Children under six must be accompanied at all times by a responsible person in the immediate vicinity. A responsible person must also accompany any children who need supervision on library visits as determined by library staff. The responsible person must be at least 12 years old.

813.3 If a child is left unattended, is disruptive, or needs supervision, staff will locate the person responsible for the child and review expectations for supervision and conduct. If staff cannot locate the person responsible for the child, they will attempt to reach the parent or guardian by phone. If the parent or guardian is not located within one hour, or if the Library is closing, the police will be called to assume responsibility for the child.

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