



## **UNATTENDED MINOR OR VULNERABLE ADULT POLICY**

While the library encourages visits by children and all community members, the library staff cannot watch, supervise, or otherwise be responsible for children or vulnerable adults. This remains the responsibility of the parents, guardians or caregivers. The library and library staff do not serve under any circumstances in loco parentis. Simply put, library staff does not and cannot legally assume authority in place of a parent, guardian or caregiver.

Situations with an unattended minor or vulnerable adult will be evaluated. Staff will attempt to contact the parent, guardian or caregiver. Situations may include illness, anxiety, misbehavior, or being left unattended at closing time. If the responsible party cannot be contacted, the matter will be immediately referred to the police or sheriff department or other legal authority. Under no circumstances will staff offer a ride or give a ride to any patron of any age.

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