

25. Unattended Children Policy

Parents are responsible for their children's behavior in the Library. The Library is not responsible for unattended children.

Children are expected to act in an appropriate manner when using the Library.

The Library is a place for reading, research and quiet study, and everyone is expected to show respect for others. Disruptive behavior is inappropriate and interferes with the legitimate purpose of the Library. Thus, children 9 years and younger must be accompanied and directly supervised by a parent or caregiver at all times. Children 10 years and older may use the library unattended, subject to other Library rules and policies concerning appropriate behavior.

If a child is being disruptive, the following steps will be taken:

- The child will be given a warning that the behavior is unacceptable and must stop immediately.
- If a child is ten (10) or over and does not correct the undesirable behavior, he/she will be asked to leave the Library.
- If a child is under the age of ten (10), he/she will be asked to call his/her parent(s) or caregiver adult and tell them they must be picked up immediately.
- The child may not return to the Library that day, unless accompanied and attended by an adult while in the Library.
- If the child is not picked up in thirty (30) minutes, a Juvenile Officer of the Blue Island Police Department will be called to take responsibility for the child.

If a child under age 13 is left unattended at the time the Library closes, library staff will stay with the child for up to 30 minutes. After that time the Blue Island Police Department will be called to take responsibility for the child.

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