

Library Child Safety and Vulnerable Adults Policy
(See also Library Conduct)

The library is a public building and all patrons are welcome. However, at no time will the Library assume the responsibility of a surrogate care provider for children or vulnerable adults in the Library. Vulnerable adults and young children should be supervised by age appropriate, responsible parties at all times. All children under the age of 8 years of age must have a parent or caregiver present in the library at all times. A caregiver is defined as someone 12 years of age or older who has the mental and physical capacity to care for the child should an emergency arise.

In the event a child under 8 years of age or vulnerable adult is left unattended, the staff will attempt to contact a parent, guardian or other caregiver. If a parent, guardian, or caregiver cannot be located within fifteen minutes, or if the library is closing, the police will be called to assume responsibility for the child or vulnerable adult.