



Unattended Children

To ensure the safety of children, we encourage families to use the facility together. Library employees are responsible for assisting patrons with library materials and services; not for providing child care. Responsibility for supervision of children rests with parents, guardians, and caregivers.

Children ages five and under must be accompanied by a caregiver age 14 or over at all times. The caregiver must remain with the child during the entire library visit.

Children ages six thru nine may attend programs independently but should be met at the conclusion of the program inside the library.

Children ages 10 and older may be left unattended at the library until closing time.

If a child **under the age of 10** is left alone in the library, library staff will evaluate the situation and attempt to contact the parent or guardian. In the event that the parent or guardian cannot be reached, library staff will document the situation and the child may be placed in the care of the Fairfield Police Department.

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