

Child Safety in the Library

- The library mission is to provide a welcoming and inviting place for children. The library staff is here to help all library customers in the best way possible. Many of their duties include providing programs and finding materials for children. As a result, the staff cannot also monitor the location, safety or behavior of children. Parents/caregivers are responsible for the safety, behavior and supervision of their children at all times in the library and on library property. Children left unattended in the library are expected to be mature enough to follow the library rules on their own and able to take responsibility for their own safety without an adult. The library is a public building where people enter and leave freely without monitoring. It should not be viewed as an alternative to long- or short-term child care. ([See Appendix.](#))