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**Policy Title: UNATTENDED CHILDREN IN THE LIBRARY AND UNACCOMPANIED
ADULTS IN YOUTH AREAS**

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UNATTENDED CHILDREN

Children ages 8 and older may be in the Library unattended for a period of time not to exceed 4 hours, provided that their behavior is not disruptive to other customers or staff members.

Children under the age of 8 must be supervised by a responsible caregiver at all times while they are in the Library.

When children attend library programs where adult supervision is not required, a parent or caregiver is expected to pick up their children as soon as the program ends.

UNACCOMPANIED ADULTS

The Library has a special responsibility in serving the needs of youth in the community. As part of this idea, the Library has set aside spaces specifically intended for children and teens. The youth services area and young adult lounge are therefore restricted to children, teens through age 18, and the responsible caregivers that accompany them.

Adults who are not accompanied by youth may only use the youth services or young adult areas when it is necessary to use the resources specific to those areas. Adults using the youth services area or young adult lounge for any other purpose will be asked to move to another area of the Library.