



UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

Marion Community Library welcomes children and strives to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all visitors. Due to the library's small size and layout, the following supervision guidelines are in place:

Supervision Requirements

- **Children ages 12 and under** must be supervised by a parent, guardian, or responsible caregiver at all times.
- Caregivers must maintain **visual contact** with children in their care.
This means the child must remain within sight at all times, including when using different areas of the library.
- **Children ages 13 and older** may use the library independently but must follow all library policies.

Caregiver Responsibilities

- Parents, guardians, and caregivers are responsible for the behavior and safety of their children at all times.
- All visitors, including children, must follow the Library's **Guest Behavior Policy**.
- Library staff do not assume responsibility for the care or supervision of children.

Unattended Children

- The library is **not a childcare facility**.
- A child is considered unattended if:
 - They are not within visual contact of their caregiver, or
 - Their caregiver has left the building, or
 - They are unable to locate or contact their caregiver.
- If a child is left unattended, staff may attempt to locate a caregiver. If necessary, local authorities may be contacted.

Closing Procedures

- Children must be picked up before closing time.
- If a parent or caregiver has not arrived by closing, staff will contact local authorities.
- Library staff are not permitted to transport children under any circumstances.

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