

7C | Unaccompanied Minors**Reviewed:** 4/13/22**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to underscore that the Library is not responsible for the supervision and wellbeing of minor children visiting and using the Library, whether accompanied or unaccompanied by a parent, guardian, or caregiver.

Scope

Any minor aged seven (7) or younger is required to be accompanied and supervised by a parent, guardian, or caregiver aged sixteen (16) or older at all times while on Library premises.

During Library programs designed for children aged seven (7) and younger that do not require parent/guardian/caregiver participation or involvement (e.g. some story time programs), the responsible party should remain near the program area and accessible to Library staff should a safety or security concern arise.

In the event a minor child is left unaccompanied at the Library at closing time, whether the closing is regularly scheduled or due to emergency circumstances, Library staff will attempt to contact a parent/guardian/caregiver, and may be required to contact local law enforcement and place the unaccompanied minor in their custody.

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