

## Section 7: Safety & Security Policies

### 7C | Unaccompanied Minors

#### 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 six (6) 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 six (6) 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 without the ability to contact their parent/guardian directly (e.g. have a mobile phone or device to contact them), 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.

#### Expectations

All users of the Library, including unaccompanied minors, are expected to adhere to the Library's policies. Inability to or refusal to follow Library policies like the Conduct in the Library Policy may result in temporary revocation of a minor child's use of the Library unaccompanied by a parent or guardian until the minor child, their parent or guardian, and the Library's Executive Director meet to review all relevant policies.

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