

WHITE OAK LIBRARY DISTRICT UNATTENDED CHILD POLICY

The White Oak Library District is not responsible for unattended children in the library or on library premises. While the Library encourages children of all ages to use the Library, it does not provide childcare nor assume any parental responsibilities for children while they are in the Library. Therefore, the Library does not act *in loco parentis*. Parents, guardians, and caregivers are solely responsible for monitoring their children's safety, activities, and behavior while visiting the Library.

The Library staff will not take responsibility for the care of any age child; however, children aged 8 and older may use library facilities without the direct supervision of a parent or guardian so long as they behave in accordance with all library policies. Conversely, leaving a child less than eight years of age, unattended in the Library is a violation of this policy, and said child may be deemed to be at risk. In such situations, Library staff may contact local law enforcement and/or child protective authorities to ensure the safety and well-being of the child.

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