

Unattended Children Policy

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The Pittsburg Public Library staff is not responsible for the care and/or supervision of children. Parents and other caregivers are responsible for monitoring the activities of their children while they are in the library.

Children under the age of eight may not be left unattended in the library.

Children age eight and older may be left unattended provided they are mature enough to behave responsibly when left alone. These children are subject to the same rules of conduct as other patrons, as well as the same consequences, **including being asked to leave the library**. Parents and caregivers should consider this when deciding whether to allow the child to visit the library alone.

Any age child with mental, physical, or emotional conditions which require supervision shall be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times.

If a child is left unattended at the time the library closes, and a parent or caregiver cannot be reached, the police will be contacted to take care of the child.