



Unattended Children Policy

Dearborn Public Library

Children, 12 years of age or younger, must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult 18 years of age or older. The adult must remain within direct sight of the child.

Every patron, regardless of age, is expected to follow the Library's Code of Conduct and may be asked to leave the library if he/she exhibits inappropriate behavior. Parents of all minors, present or not, are responsible for their children's behavior in the library. This responsibility would include damage their children may cause to library property.

The Library reserves the right to require direct adult supervision of any minor (under 18) who has violated the Code of Conduct. The Library assumes no responsibility for the whereabouts of an unattended minor who has been asked to leave the library.

Parents/caregivers of patrons of any age who have special needs because of disabling conditions such as impaired physical or mental ability, disruptive behavior, emotional problems, inadequate attention span, incomplete social skills, etc. must remain with their charges at all times while they are in the library.

The library is a public space. No public space can guarantee the safety of children, which means that the full responsibility for the safety of children rests with the parent/caregiver and not with library staff. The Dearborn Public Library cannot act as a babysitter or day care center and will not take responsibility for unattended children.