



## UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

The Washoe County Library System welcomes youth of all ages in accordance with the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights. The Library, although an entertaining place to be, is a busy public facility, and public places may present hazards for unsupervised children.

No child under ten (10) years of age may be left unattended in any area of the library. Children under ten (10) must be supervised by a caregiver at least thirteen (13) years old who is able to attend to the child's safety and insure appropriate behavior. Exceptions may be made in individual cases at the discretion of library management.

Neither Washoe County nor the library staff has custodial responsibility for unattended children. Library staff cannot assume liability for children who are left unattended.

If a child under ten (10) is found to be unattended in the library, staff will attempt to find the child's parent/guardian. If the staff cannot locate a parent/guardian, law enforcement officials may be notified.

If any minor is left at the library at closing time, the library staff will attempt to reach the parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached, law enforcement officials will be notified.

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