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Unaccompanied Children

Children under eight must be closely supervised in the library by an adult over 18 years of age.

Children eight and older may use the library unaccompanied and are expected to function independently, to adhere to Library Standards of Conduct, and to request help when needed.

Parents and guardians should ensure children have contact information, should it be needed. The Library encourages working with library staff to assure that the library experience is safe and positive for children and all library users.

Parents and guardians of children eight and older are reminded that the same caution is warranted regarding a child's unaccompanied use of the public library as is recommended in any other public place. Children may use any area of the library; therefore, it is not possible for staff to monitor them and interactions with other library users.

The primary purpose of the children's area in the library is to provide a safe and comfortable place for children and their caregivers to enjoy the library together. Adults who are unaccompanied by children are welcome to engage with the juvenile materials. It is library policy that unaccompanied adults use other areas of the library for activities that are not specifically tied to the use of materials in the juvenile area.