

Unattended Minors Policy

The Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library is a welcoming place for all members of the community. To help ensure a safe and respectful environment, **children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible caregiver at all times**, including during programs and special events. Parents and caregivers are responsible for their child's safety, supervision, and behavior while in the library.

The library is a public space and is not staffed or equipped to provide child supervision. Library staff cannot assume responsibility for unattended children.

If a child is left unattended, staff will make every effort to contact a parent or guardian. For safety reasons, children under 14 will not be left outside to wait for transportation, and staff are not permitted to remain after hours or provide transportation. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached, local authorities may be contacted for assistance.

While the library strives to be a safe and welcoming space for all, destruction of library property and disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. In such cases, staff will make every effort to communicate directly with the parent or caregiver.

If a parent is unavailable, staff may redirect children toward safe, respectful, and positive behaviors to support the wellbeing of all patrons.

Thank you for helping us maintain a positive and inclusive environment for everyone.