



Temple Public Library

Policy: Unattended Child

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The Temple Public Library is a place where children are welcome. They are encouraged to read, attend programs, and make full use of the library's resources. For the safety of children, and the enjoyment of all customers utilizing the library, the library has implemented a policy regarding unattended children up to the age of 15. If you have questions regarding this policy, please contact the Library Director at nmcadams@templetx.gov.

1. The Library does not provide care or supervision of children and does not accept responsibility for such care. Parent(s) or other caregiver(s) are responsible for their child's behavior in the library.
2. Children under the age of ten may not be left unattended in the library. A child under the age of ten will be considered unattended unless accompanied by a responsible caregiver. Accompaniment includes being on same floor of the library as the child and includes appropriate supervision and enforcement of the Customer Code of Conduct for all children under their care.
3. Leaving a child unattended in the library is a violation of this policy and the child will be considered a 'child in need of care,' a matter which will be referred to the police department and/or the Department of Human Services/Child Protective Services as appropriate.
4. If a child under the age of 15 is left unattended at the time of the library's closing, the library staff will attempt to notify the child's parent(s) or caregiver(s). If the child's parent(s) or caregiver(s) cannot be reached or has not come to retrieve the child by the time of closing, the police department will be contacted to pick up the child.
5. Library staff will not drive a child to any location.
6. Unattended children will be given a copy of this policy to provide to their parent(s) or caregiver(s).