

Unattended Children

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Children are welcome in the Pendleton County Public Library. Because we are concerned about their safety and welfare, we request that parents, guardians, or caregivers be responsible for monitoring the activities and regulating the behavior of their children in the Library.

Children eleven (11) years of age and younger must be, at all times, attended and directly supervised by a caregiver (parent, guardian, or assigned chaperone).

Children twelve (12) through seventeen (17) may use the Library unattended provided they are able to follow library rules and observe proper conduct. Children, like all library users, are required to respect library property and act in a manner appropriate to the use and function of the Library.

If an unattended child is being disruptive, is habitually left unattended for long periods of time, or is deemed to be at risk of coming to harm (as in the case of a child being left unattended), an effort will be made to locate the responsible parent, guardian, or caregiver. If they cannot be reached, proper authorities will be contacted.

In cases of a medical emergency involving unattended minors, library staff will call 911 for help. Emergency personnel, upon their arrival at the Library, will be informed that the child is not accompanied by their parent/guardian.

Children must leave the Library at closing time. Under no circumstances will library staff transport or take a minor away from the Library building. However, library staff will attempt to contact parents. If they are unsuccessful, the police will be summoned to assist the child.

We respect the privacy of all library patrons and will intervene only when, in the opinion of the Library staff, the safety and well-being of a child is threatened.