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Unattended Children Policy

The Jacob Edwards Library has an obligation to provide for the general safety of children using the library and also the obligation to prevent undue disruption of normal library activities.

However, it is the responsibility of parents to insure the appropriate behavior of their children in the library. Library staff cannot be responsible for the supervision of children left unattended by their parents.

Children age six years or younger shall at all times be attended by a responsible person. Exceptions to this policy will be made during scheduled library programs at which time the person who is responsible for the child may be absent from the library for the duration of the program.

Children age seven years and older may use the library unattended if they conform to the rules concerning behavior and conduct. Disruptive children will be required to leave after receiving one warning.

Library staff may notify the appropriate authorities if they have reason to suspect that there is significant evidence of abuse or neglect.

The Jacob Edwards Library assumes no responsibility for children of any age left unattended at the library. Parents assume all liability for damage done by their children to the library facility. Procedures for dealing with unattended children are outlined to the Library Procedures Manual.