Unattended Child Policy



Scope of Policy			
Scope:	Lost or Unattended Child Procedure	Effective Date:	Revised 11/9/20

Provisions

While in library facilities, children under the age of nine must be within sight of a caregiver over the age of 12.

The following procedure will be used if it is determined that a child is lost or left unattended:

- 1. Any staff person can help the lost child locate a parent or caregiver.
- 2. The staff person will notify the supervisor on duty that there is a lost or unattended child in the building.
- 3. The supervisor will attempt to locate the child's caregiver in the building.
- 4. If the caregiver cannot be found in the building, a staff member will stay with the child while the supervisor continues to attempt to locate the caregiver. If the caregiver has not been located within a reasonable amount of time, staff will notify police.
- 5. If there is an unattended child present at library closing, two staff members will wait with the child for 10 minutes. If a caregiver can't be located within that time, staff will notify police.