



RICHMOND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
"Your Community Connection"

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Unattended Child Policy

The Richmond Memorial Library welcomes and encourages children to visit the library. Our materials, services and programs are offered to make the library inviting to children.

Children in the library must make effective use of the library. Children 10 and older may use the library unattended providing they are mature enough to adhere to the library's rules of conduct.

The library is not a child-care center. Children should not be dropped off and left alone. Busy public buildings are not secure places for unattended children. A parent, guardian or assigned caregiver is responsible for the welfare and behavior of children using the library. Library staff cannot assume parental responsibilities for children in the library.

Children under the age of 10 may not be left unattended in the library. Children must be supervised at all times, including during library programs, by a parent, guardian or assigned caregiver age 16 or older. The person responsible for the child must be in the immediate vicinity of and in visual contact with the child.

If a child under 10 years of age is found unattended, library staff will attempt to locate the parent/caregiver in the library and inform him/her of the rules. If the parent/caregiver cannot be found, or if the child is found unattended again, law enforcement will be called for assistance.

Parents must be aware of regular library hours, as well as holiday closings. In addition parents should keep in mind that the library may need to close for weather-related or emergency conditions. If a child under the age of 16 remains at the library without a ride home at closing time, library staff will first attempt to contact a parent or guardian. If no one can be reached, law enforcement will be called.

For the protection of our patrons, security cameras are in use on library premises.

Any patron violating this policy is subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, being asked to leave library premises, having library privileges limited or revoked. Law enforcement will be contacted when required.

*Adopted by Richmond Memorial Library Board of Trustees
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