

Policy: 401

Subject: Child Safety and Well-Being

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The Auburn Hills Public Library welcomes children and is committed to offering materials and services in a safe environment. However, the Library cannot assume responsibility for children left unattended on Library property. Parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring the safety of their children at all times. A responsible caregiver must be at least 16 years old.

Supervision Requirements:

- **Ages 13 and older:** May use the outdoor Library space unattended, in accordance with the City's campus policy.
- **Ages 10 and older:** May use the Library and attend programs independently, as long as they follow the Library Code of Conduct.
- **Ages 7-9:** Must have a parent or responsible caregiver in the building.
- **Ages 4-6:** Must have a parent or responsible caregiver on the same floor, unless the child is attending a supervised Library program.
- **Ages 0-3:** Must have a parent or responsible caregiver within sight at all times.

Library staff may enforce these guidelines based on a child's behavior and any concerns regarding the child's safety or well-being.

Closing Time Procedures:

Children of any age who are at the Library without an adult should be picked up at least 10 minutes before closing. If a minor remains after closing, two staff members may wait outside with the child for up to 15 minutes. After that, the police department will be contacted. If staff cannot wait or if the situation requires immediate attention, the police department may be contacted as soon as the Library closes.