

## **Unattended Children Policy**

Parents and caregivers are responsible for the safety, comfort and behavior of their children while in the library. **Your child must come to the library with a responsible person and stay in that person's care during the child's stay.**

Any of the following situations, and others as determined by library staff, will result in staff attempting to contact the child's parent or guardian. If that is not successful, the child will be placed in the care of the appropriate law enforcement agency.

- A child is alone and frightened or crying in the library;
- A child is alone and doing something dangerous, or another person in the library seems to be a danger to the child;
- A child is alone and is not following library rules;
- No caregiver comes to pick a child up at closing time; or
- Any child under the age of 8 who is alone in the library or unaccompanied by a responsible adult or sibling over the age of 10 in the library. (Please see [Oregon City Public Library Behavior Rules](#).)