

# Unattended Child Policy

## Title: Unattended Child Policy

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The Wakarusa-Olive, Harrison Township Public Library is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment to library users of all ages. For the protection of our younger users, the following policy regarding child safety has been adopted.

- A responsible parent or caregiver must accompany children under the age of 8.
- If a child under the age of 8 is found unattended, the library staff will attempt to contact the child's parent or caregiver and inform them of the policy.
- If the child's parent or caregiver cannot be located within 15 minutes of the child being found, the child will be placed in the care of local law enforcement.
- School age children age 8 and over may use the library unattended as long as their conduct is acceptable in a library setting.
- Examples of unacceptable behavior in the library include, but are not limited to:
  - damaging library property
  - playing tag or other unauthorized physically active games
  - bothering other library patrons or staff members
  - engaging in other inappropriate activity as determined by the library staff
- Library staff members retain the right to ask patrons engaging in unacceptable behavior to leave.
- The library staff is not responsible for the care or supervision of minors on library property.
- Under no circumstance will a library staff member provide transportation to an unattended child.