

The Library is a public agency whose staff members are trained to provide library services to visitors of all ages. However, the Library is not equipped to provide long- or short-term childcare, and visitors should not expect Library facilities or staff to serve as an alternative to childcare or supervision.

Incidents involving minors left unattended in the Library will be addressed by staff members on a case-by-case basis. Situations that may require staff intervention include, but are not limited to:

1. A child who is frightened, crying, or appears distressed.
2. A child who seems to be at risk of harming themselves.
3. A situation in which another person poses a perceived threat to the child.
4. A child who is exhibiting behavior that violates the Visitor Behavior and Code of Conduct Policy.
5. A child who is not picked up by a parent or caregiver at closing time.

In these situations, Library staff will attempt to locate the child's guardian or caregiver. If the responsible adult cannot be located in the building, staff will contact the North Little Rock Police Department to assume care of the child.

This policy will be used in conjunction with the established Visitor Behavior and Code of Conduct Policy. When staff take action regarding an unattended minor on Library premises, a written incident report will be completed.