

RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

This policy is established to accomplish the following:

- to provide for the general welfare of all persons using the River Rouge Public Library
- to prevent undue disruption of normal library activities
- to provide for the general safety of children

Children ten (10) years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult who remains in the library at all times to provide supervision as needed. In the event that a child 10 years old or younger enters the library without supervision library staff will send the child home, contact the parents or notify the police.

The accompanying adult must:

- assure that the child remains reasonably quiet
- be under control and make sure that the child refrains from running, jumping or screaming
- stop any other inappropriate behavior

Adults are responsible for the behavior of the children under their care while in the library. If a child is disruptive, the adult will be given a warning. If the child continues to be disruptive, the adult will be asked to remove the child from the library.

Unattended children eleven (11) or older will be given a warning if they are disruptive. Children who continue to be disruptive after receiving a warning will be asked to leave the library. Children who are not old enough to leave the library alone should not be in the library alone. Library staff may require a parent or guardian to be present with his/her child if they continue to be disruptive.

Should a child be found alone or waiting for transportation at the time of library closing, efforts will be made to contact the parents or legal guardian. Should appropriate arrangements not be possible, local police will be called in to handle the situation.

Parents will be held responsible for any loss incurred by the library as a result of a child's inappropriate actions.