



AURORA
Public Library District

Unattended Child Policy

DURING LIBRARY OPEN HOURS:

The Aurora Public Library District is committed to providing a welcoming and safe environment for all children. Parents and caregivers are responsible for their children while the children are in the library, regardless of whether or not the parent or caregiver is present.

Children younger than the age of 8 years old may not be left alone in the library and must be directly supervised by a responsible caregiver aged 14 years or older. Parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring that their children abide by the Library Use and Security Policy.

Parental or caregiver attendance is required at some children's programs. For all other children's programs, the parent or caregiver of a child under the age of 8 must remain in the library and return to the programming area by the end of the program.

When the safety of a child is in doubt or has been without a caregiver present for 15 minutes, library staff may contact the Aurora Police Department and/or other authorities if warranted to ensure the safety and well-being of the child.

AT CLOSING TIME:

Children under the age of 14 may be unable to safeguard their own wellbeing if left alone at closing. Therefore, staff will wait with any unattended children, and if a parent or caregiver does not arrive within 15 minutes of the library closing, staff will contact the Aurora Police Department.

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