

Unattended Children

Three Rivers Public Library District welcomes people of all ages to use its facilities and services, and the safety and well-being of library patrons is a primary objective. All patrons are subject to the Patron Behavior Policy guidelines. Parents, guardians and caregivers are responsible for the behavior and safety of those needing care in the library, whether supervised or unsupervised. Because individuals develop at different rates, there is no universal age at which all patrons are ready to cope with the variety of circumstances they may encounter in a public space. Library staff are not permitted to assume responsibility for the safety, care or supervision of library patrons of any age.

Unsupervised children and other patrons needing care must be able to tell staff their full name; parent, guardian or caregiver's name; and parent, guardian or caregiver's phone number upon request. If a guardian cannot be reached, police will be notified.

MINORS REMAINING AFTER LIBRARY HAS CLOSED: Library hours are posted at each facility and it is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or caregiver to pick up the child when the library closes. No staff member may drive a child home. If no one arrives to pick up the child within 30 minutes after closing, the police will be notified.

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