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Policy on Unattended Children

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The Upper Sandusky Community Library welcomes and encourages children to visit the library, use library resources and services, and attend library programs. The responsibility for the safety and behavior of children in the library rests with the parent/caregiver and not with library personnel. Library staff cannot act *in loco parentis* and are not responsible for children who are unattended or demonstrating inappropriate behavior. The library is not responsible if children leave library property.

Children displaying inappropriate or destructive behavior will be informed of the rules. If inappropriate behavior continues, the child may be asked to leave the library. If a child is unaccompanied by an adult or appropriate-aged caregiver, and, in the judgment of the staff, is too young to travel the streets alone, the staff will attempt to contact a parent, guardian, or assigned caregiver. Library staff are not permitted to give an unaccompanied child a ride home. Local law enforcement may be asked to intervene if the situation warrants.