

## **SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY**

The Scott County Library System cares for the wellbeing of its young patrons and cannot be held responsible for incidents, accidents, or other liabilities arising from the actions of unattended children. Parents/caregivers are solely responsible for the safety and behavior of children while in the Library. Library staff cannot be held responsible for the actions of unattended children or any incurred consequences.

All patrons are expected to abide by the Library's Behavior Policy. Children violating the Behavior Policy will result in Library staff speaking to the parent/caregiver about existing policy as a warning. If the child repeats the violation, both the child and parent/caregiver may be asked to leave the Library.

Children younger than the age of eight must be accompanied by and remain in the eyesight of an adult or someone at least twelve years old. A child under the age of eight may participate in a Library program without an adult present, but the parent/caregiver must immediately join the child at the end of the program. If a child is left unattended, Library staff will attempt to contact the parent/caregiver and may call the police.

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