

Parents and Teachers

Unattended Children Policy

Introduction

The Staff and Trustees of the Sequoyah Regional Library System hope that children who use the Library will perceive the library as a warm, welcoming and fun place to visit. We hope that families will take advantage of the tremendous resources the Library has to offer. The happiness and safety of young children left alone at the library can, however, be a serious concern. The Staff seek to create a welcoming and comfortable atmosphere. Yet the library is a public building, and as such it could be a dangerous place for children alone.

The Sequoyah Regional Library Staff cannot supervise children while carrying out responsibilities to other patrons, nor can they assume responsibilities for a child's safety, recognize a child's authorized caregiver(s), authorize medical treatment, or oversee the behavior of young patrons. For the protection and well being of children who enjoy the library, the following policy has been established.

Policy

The Sequoyah Regional Library System welcomes children of all ages to use its facilities and services. Responsibility for children using the library rests at all times with the parent(s) or assigned caregiver(s), not Library personnel. Therefore, for the safety of the children, it is the policy of the Sequoyah Regional Library system that young patrons nine (9) years of age and under be accompanied and directly supervised by a responsible caregiver aged sixteen (16) or over. Children between the ages of ten (10) and twelve (12) should not be left unattended for prolonged periods of time.