

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

Purpose: Safety of Public and Staff
Enjoyment of the Facility or Event

POLICY:

The Library & Cultural Arts Department welcomes and encourages patrons of all ages to use the facilities. While the department strives to foster a safe environment, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure the safety of their children within the facility and on City property.

- The parent or authorized adult is responsible for the behavior and safety of children in their care.
- A parent or authorized adult must remain with children preschool-age and under at all times while at the facility or event.
- An accompanying adult must remain within the facility with young school age children.
- If necessary, staff will attempt to contact a parent or authorized adult caregiver of unattended child(ren). In the event neither can be reached, staff may contact other appropriate agencies.
- When necessary, staff will remain with child(ren) left at the location for **ten minutes past closing**, after which time staff will call the Carlsbad Police Department and the child(ren) will be left in an officer's care.
- Under no circumstances will staff transport unattended children.