

Unattended Minors Policy

A major emphasis of the Sedalia Public Library mission to the community is service to children. Children are welcome to use the library at any time during operating hours. The Sedalia Public Library Board of Trustees believes that the fundamental responsibility for a minor's physical well being remains with the parents of the minor. In addition, the library is not to be used as a child care facility, nor are staff members considered babysitters. The library assumes no liability for unattended minors.

Children should be patrons of the library and be at least 10 years old to be alone at the library. Any minor of preschool age must be within eyesight of a parent, guardian or caregiver. The parent or caregiver must be aware of and monitor the minor's behavior.

1. Any minor visiting the library without a parent, guardian or caregiver should be a patron of the library, with updated parent contact information on file, in case of emergency.
2. Any minor visiting the library without a parent, guardian or caregiver must behave in an appropriate manner. Minors who misbehave will be warned to stop the inappropriate behavior. If the misbehavior continues, the minor will be asked to leave. The minor or a library staff member will call a parent, guardian or caregiver to come and pick them up.
3. For any minor not picked up by closing time, Police will be called to pick up the minor. Under no circumstances will library staff be permitted to transport children in their personal vehicles or leave the library with the children in their charge.

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