

Unattended Children Policy

Baldwin Public Library Birmingham, MI

Children under the age of ten (10) must be accompanied by a caregiver. Caregivers are responsible for their children's behavior while in the library. Caregivers for children under the age of ten (10) must be at least fourteen (14) years old. "Unattended" means that the caregiver is not in the same library service area as the child.

If it is determined that a child is lost or left unattended in any part of the library, the Librarian in Charge will attempt to locate the caregiver within the building. When the caregiver is located, the Librarian in Charge will explain the Library's Unattended Children Policy and request that the caregiver comply with the policy.

The Librarian in Charge will call the police non-emergency number and ask them to take custody of the child in these situations:

- The caregiver will not cooperate or cannot be located within 30 minutes of the initial determination that the child is lost or unattended.
- The Library is closing.

Under no circumstances will a staff member take the child out of the building or allow the child to leave the building unaccompanied.

If the child indicates symptoms of medical emergency, the Librarian in Charge will call the 911 EMS immediately.

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