



Unattended Children/Vulnerable Adults Policy

The Sycamore Public Library is dedicated to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all community members.

All persons age 10 and older who are able to care for themselves and understand and follow the [Patron Conduct Policy](#) are welcome to use the library without accompaniment.

Vulnerable adults must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18 while using the library or attending library programs and events. A vulnerable adult is functionally, mentally, or physically unable to care for themselves without supervision. Library facilities are not licensed to provide adult care and staff is not trained to assist with care-related tasks.

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible caregiver that is at least 14 years old while using the library. Parents, guardians, or caregivers must remain in the library while children are attending library programs or events unless directed by library staff.

If it is determined that a child under age 10 or a vulnerable adult is in the library without an appropriate parent, guardian, or caregiver, staff will attempt to locate or contact the parent, guardian, or caregiver. If the parent, guardian, or caregiver cannot be located or contacted within 30 minutes, the police will be contacted and asked to assist. In addition, staff is authorized to contact the police at any time the safety of a child under 10 or vulnerable adult is in doubt.

In the event a parent, guardian, or caregiver cannot be contacted or located at the time the library closes, staff will contact the police for assistance and two staff members will wait with the child under 10 or vulnerable adult until police arrive.

Violation of this policy is grounds for suspension of library privileges.