

## UNATTENDED CHILD POLICY

Children are welcome in our library and we are concerned about their safety and welfare. The library is a public place, like a grocery store or a shopping mall. Please supervise **Children must be supervised with** and exercise the same precautions here that ~~you~~ would **be** exercised in any other public place. Parents and caregivers are responsible for monitoring the activities and regulating the behavior of their children while ~~their~~ children are in the library.

- The Independence Public Library and the City of Independence are not responsible for unattended children.
- Children eight years of age or younger are to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver of at least thirteen years of age while in the library.
- The parent or caregiver is to be in view of children ages five and under.
- If an unattended child is being disruptive or is habitually left unattended for long periods of time, an effort will be made to locate the responsible parent or caregiver. If the parent/caregiver is not located and/or has not picked up the child within one hour, or if the library is closing, the police will be called for assistance.