

Unattended Child Policy

Children are welcome at the Marengo Public Library. Children under the age of 10 may not be left unattended in the Marengo Public Library and must be accompanied by a caregiver. A caregiver is defined as a parent, guardian, or a responsible person over the age of 13. Parents and caregivers are responsible for monitoring the activities and regulating the behavior of their children while they are in the library.

In the case of any child that is being disruptive, who is habitually left for long periods of time, or who is deemed to be at risk of coming to harm (as in the case of a child being unattended when the library is ready to close), every effort will be made to locate the responsible parent, guardian, or caregiver. If a responsible person is not found in the library, a staff member will stay with the child. If the parent or a responsible person is not located within one hour of closing time, the staff will notify the appropriate law enforcement or child protective services. **Due to liability issues, library staff may not provide rides for patrons.**

We respect the privacy of all library patrons and will intervene only when, in the opinion of the library staff, the safety and well-being of child or other patrons are compromised.

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