

Children in the Library Policy

Huntington Memorial Library

The staff at Huntington Memorial Library hope that children using the library will find it an inviting place to develop a love of books and reading, as well as a place to find materials which serve their informational, educational and recreational needs. Children are encouraged to visit the library and to take advantage of all of its resources.

For the purposes of this policy, an unattended child refers to a child that is alone in the library, or a child whose parent or caregiver is in the library but is not adequately supervising that child. The latter situation may occur when the adult and child are in separate areas of the building, or when the adult is using library materials or equipment and is not supervising the child.

Children of all ages are welcome in the library. However, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure their appropriate behavior. The library staff is not responsible for the supervision of children left unattended by their parents or caregivers. A caregiver must be a minimum of 14 years old and actively supervising the child they are caring for.

Please adhere to the following age guidelines for children in the library.

- No child under the age of 12 should be left unattended without the supervision of their parent or caregivers.
- Children under the age of 6 must be in the direct sight or presence of their caregiver.
- Children ages 6 through 8 must have a caregiver on the same level of the library.
- Children ages 9 through 11 must have a caregiver in the library building.

Library programs will specify when an adult must remain in the program with a child or must remain in the building. Adults bringing children to library programs that don't require attendance be ready to meet their child when the program is over.