

Unattended Children Policy (August 27, 2008)

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall is concerned with the safety and well being of children in the library, particularly those who are at risk because of their vulnerability.

An unattended child is defined as a child ten years or younger whose parents are not in the library or music hall with their child. Unattended children are also children under that age of seven whose parents are not within physical touching distance of their child at all times.

- The library is not responsible for the safety or well being of any patron.
- The library staff cannot prevent children from interacting with or leaving with persons who are not the appropriate chaperone.
- The library staff is not responsible for any unattended child; however, if the library staff notices an unattended child and the parent or legal guardian cannot be located, the library will contact the police to protect the child's safety.
- Parents or legal guardians are responsible for the conduct of their minor children (under 18 years of age) in the library or on library grounds, regardless of whether they are accompanying their children or not.
- Children attending library programs are not considered to be supervised by library staff.
- The accompanying adult is responsible for unattended children while in the library or on library property and may not leave children unattended.
- Children are subject to all rules and regulations stated in the Patron Behavior Policy.