



Unattended Juvenile Policy

The Warner Library is committed to the safety of the juveniles in our community. However, because the building is open to the public, the library should never be considered a place for juveniles to be left unattended. The responsibility for the safety and behavior of juveniles in the library rests with the parents, legal guardians, or other responsible adult caregivers. Library staff members cannot be responsible for the care and safety of unattended juveniles in the library.

To safeguard juveniles, the following rules are in effect:

- Limits are set on a minimum age for juveniles to attend the library alone based on age.
- All juveniles age 8 and under must be supervised by a parent, guardian or other responsible adult. They may also be supervised by an older juvenile at least 14 years old.
- For this policy 'supervised' means that they are in control of the underage juvenile's behavior, and that the juvenile is not left unattended for a significant length of time.
- Juveniles aged 9 and above may use the library without an adult present, but must be able to contact a responsible adult immediately.
- All juveniles must abide by the Patron Code of Conduct Policy. Any juvenile who breaks the policy three times will be required to be accompanied by an adult, even if they are older than the minimum age.
- Parents or caregivers should be aware of library closing times. If a juvenile is not picked up by the time the library closes, a member of the staff will notify local law enforcement.

In the event that a juvenile aged 8 or younger is in the library without a supervising guardian the staff will attempt to contact the child's parent or guardian. If the parent or guardian is unknown to library staff, is unwilling to pick up the juvenile, or cannot be reached after a period of 30 minutes, local law enforcement will be notified.