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Transylvania County Library Policy on Unattended Children

Parents are responsible for ensuring the appropriate behavior of their children in the library. Young children are not safe when left unattended in the library. Library staff cannot know if children are leaving with a parent, a friend, or a stranger. Unattended children may become disruptive when they become bored. If a child is left unattended at the library for an extended period of time, library staff will make reasonable effort to locate a parent or responsible party. If no one can be located during regular business hours, library staff will consult with Transylvania County Department of Social Services and/or the Sheriff's Department to determine appropriate actions.

If a child or youth is left after closing time, library staff will make reasonable effort to locate a parent or responsible party. Library staff will wait with a child up to 30 minutes after closing. If a parent or other responsible adult cannot be located, unattended children will be placed in the care of the Transylvania County Sheriff's Department. Under no circumstances will library staff transport children to another location, other than seeing them safely to the Sheriff's Department.

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