

Clintonville Public Library
Unattended Children Policy
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The Clintonville Public Library encourages children and families to use its facilities. However, responsibility for children using the library rests with the caregiver/guardian, not with library personnel. While staff will always respond with care and concern, they cannot assume responsibility for children's safety and comfort when they are unattended.

Children under age 8 must be accompanied at all times by an adult or caregiver who is able to supervise them. Unattended children under age 8 or any child requiring repeated intervention by library staff or who are violating the Rules of Conduct policy may be asked to leave and library staff may contact the caregivers, guardians, or police.

The Library assumes no liability with regard to unattended children. Parents, guardians and caregivers acknowledge the risk of leaving a child unattended in the Library and release the Library from all claims that they may have.

Library staff will make a reasonable effort to assure that children leave the Library comfortably and safely at closing time. At least two staff members will remain in the Library if a minor child is in the building after closing. If any children remain at the Library 15 minutes after closing, staff will contact the Clintonville Police Department and they will assume responsibility for the child.