

Policies

UNATTENDED CHILDREN AND DEPENDENT ADULTS IN THE LIBRARY

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The T. B. Scott Free Library encourages visits by young children and dependent adults. Supervision of young children and dependent adults is the responsibility of parents, legal guardians, and caregivers, not library staff. T. B. Scott Free Library assumes no liability for unattended children or dependent adults.

1. Children in the fifth grade or older may use the library unattended.
2. All children younger than fifth grade, and all dependent adults, must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, caregiver, or other responsible person (in the seventh grade or older) while in the library. If the parent, guardian, caregiver, or other responsible person is not actively monitoring the child or dependent adult's behavior, they are considered to be unattended. If the child or dependent adult is attending a library program, the parent, guardian, caregiver, or other responsible person is required to remain in the library throughout the program.
3. Children and dependent adults (whether or not with a parent, guardian, caregiver, or responsible person) who exhibit disruptive behavior will be asked to stop the disruptive behavior. They will be cautioned that further disruptive behavior will result in their dismissal from the library for the day. If they continue to be disruptive and are asked to leave the library, they may contact someone for transportation and wait with staff until their ride arrives.
4. Children and dependent adults left at the library at closing without transportation during severe weather will be allowed to wait for a ride with up to two staff members. After 30 minutes, staff will contact the police department to provide transportation.

Also see Standard of Conduct Policy of the Library.