

C. UNATTENDED CHILDREN:

1. The South Holland Public Library welcomes children to use its facilities and services; however, responsibility for children using the library rests with the parent, guardian or assigned chaperon, whether or not they are present. The Library is not a day care center and therefore can only allow children to remain in the building if they are properly using the facility. The Library staff members cannot assume responsibility for the supervision, entertainment or safety of children while on the library premises.
2. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied at all times and adequately supervised by an adult or an adolescent of at least 16 years of age. Programs which are offered for children under age 12 do not require the attendance of the adult or adolescent at the program; however, they should remain in the library while their child is in attendance. If a child should become ill, injured or disruptive, this adult or adolescent will be contacted.
3. If the same child is left unattended repeatedly, the librarian in charge will contact the parent or guardian. If the situation reoccurs, the police will be notified.
4. Children twelve (12) years of age and older are allowed to use the library facilities, unaccompanied by an adult, provided their behavior is not disruptive to other patrons or staff. Children must at all times abide by the "Patron Use of Library Facilities Policy."
5. If unattended children age 13 and under are present in the library at closing time or at the time of an emergency closing, a librarian in charge shall contact a parent or guardian by phone to pick up the child immediately. If unsuccessful, the librarian will contact the South Holland Police Department to arrive to take custody of the child.
6. Staff shall report all action taken to the Administrative Librarian.