

## **POLICY ON UNATTENDED CHILDREN**

The Beaumont Library District as a public institution is devoted to serving the needs of members of all ages. The Library staff, however, cannot assume responsibility for the safety and conduct of children left unattended. Children twelve (12) years old and older may use the library independently providing they are able to follow the library guidelines and observe proper conduct. Children under the age of twelve (12) must be accompanied by a parent/guardian/caregiver (age 18+).

Parents/guardians are advised that they may not leave children under the age of twelve (12) unattended in the Library. The only exception to the above is during a designated library program. Children between the ages of zero through six (0-6) cannot be left unattended during a library program. Children between the ages of seven through eleven (7–11) can be left unattended in a library program but, the parents (guardians, etc.) must remain in the library facility.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's behavior while using the library whether or not the parents/guardians are present.

Parents/guardians will be notified if their children are left unattended. If parents, guardians or caregivers are unavailable, the Beaumont Police Department will be notified.

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