



RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Title: Supervision of Children Policy

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Children and adults alike are welcomed and encouraged to use the Richmond Public Library. In order to maintain a safe and orderly environment for library use and to protect library property, the following constitutes Library policy concerning the supervision of children and teenagers.

The Richmond Public Library does not provide care or supervision of children or teenagers and is not responsible for unattended children or teenagers.

- If children are left unattended at the library and staff are not able to identify or reach the caregiver, after fifteen (15) minutes the authorities (Police Department and/or Department of Social Services) will be called.

Caregivers (parent, legal guardian, or childcare provider) are urged to keep their children in sight at all times for the child's safety and protection, and to prevent them from being disruptive to others.

Children and teenagers are expected to follow the same rules of behavior and conduct as all library patrons. Under no circumstances shall staff provide transportation for any library patrons, including children and teenagers.

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