



PALOS HEIGHTS
PUBLIC LIBRARY

UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

Palos Heights Public Library staff are committed to help children with activities related to the Library. However, Library staff cannot, nor is it their responsibility, to serve as baby-sitters, teachers, or disciplinarians.

Children under the age of 9 must be attended by a responsible caregiver who is at least 14 years of age. Parents/caregivers are responsible for their children's behavior while in the library. Unattended children under the age of 9 may be asked to remain at the Service Desk while staff attempt to locate the caregiver. When the safety of an unattended child is in doubt or the parent or responsible caregiver cannot be located, or if the Library is closing, Library staff are authorized to call the police and stay with the child until the police arrive.

From time to time, the Library provides programs where children ages 3 through 6 can safely attend without parental supervision. In such instances, these children must be brought into the building by a parent or responsible adult childcare provider. They must be picked up promptly at the conclusion of the program by their parent/caregiver, when they again resume supervision of their charge. Children under the age of 3 must be attended at all times in the library building.

Failure to follow these rules by parents/caregivers may result in suspension of privileges as outlined in the [Patron Behavior Policy](#).

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