

**CHILDREN LEFT UNATTENDED IN THE LIBRARY POLICY
SCREVEN-JENKINS REGIONAL LIBRARY**

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For safety reasons, children under the age of eight must have an adult with them at all times (except during story times when an adult must be in the building) and children from age 8 -12 must have an adult in the building.

The library is not responsible for children left unattended in the library. If an unattended child misbehaves the library staff will try to contact a parent or guardian. The parent will be given fifteen minutes to pick up the child. If no one comes to pick up the child or the parent can not be reached, the police will be called.

Parents are requested to make sure their children are picked up BEFORE closing time. The Library cannot assume responsibility for customers under age 18 who are left at the library beyond closing time. In the event that a child is left after hours and no one can be contacted to provide transportation, our staff will call either the police or the Department of Family and Children's Services for assistance.