

**Unattended Children Policy**  
**Ripon Public Library**

Children age 8 and younger must be attended by a parent or other caregiver at all times. Older children may attend younger children if, at the discretion of the library staff, the older child is able to take care of the younger child. Staff will make their decision based on principles of reasonable order and safety. If a problem with an unattended child develops, staff will ask the child to sit quietly near a service desk while staff try to find an older child or adult responsible for the younger child. If no such person is in the library, staff will try to telephone the child's parent or other caregiver. If that is unsuccessful, staff will telephone police.

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