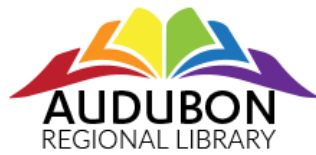


Section 16 – Minors in the Library

The library welcomes children into the library and recognizes the developmental importance public libraries provide through information access and available resources. However, the library does not place upon the staff of the library the role of caretaker for unsupervised children.

- The library defines caregiver as parent, legal guardian, sibling of majority age, or other adult appointed by the parents.
 - The library defines majority age as 18 years old. (According to Acts 1987, No. 125, §1, eff. Jan. 1. 1988 of LA Civil Code 29, majority is attained upon reaching the age of eighteen years.)
6. The library as an institution and the staff individually are not and shall not be responsible for the welfare of children left unsupervised in the library for any period.
 7. Children under the age of thirteen (13) years must be accompanied by a caregiver. The library as an institution and the staff as individuals do not assume the role of caretaker, nor childcare provider for minor children.
 8. Caregivers shall maintain a clear line of sight and supervise minor children while they are in the public areas of the library.
 9. Caregivers are responsible for the actions of all minors on library property regardless of whether parent or legal guardian is present.
 10. Minors who remain at the library at the close of the business day will be allowed to utilize the library phone to arrange transportation prior to the building's closing.



11. If children remain in or outside the library beyond the close of the public service day, the civil authorities shall be notified and said children shall be remanded into their custody. Two or more staff members should remain until a deputy arrives. No staff member shall escort minors off the premises under any circumstances.