

## SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

Parents are responsible for the behavior and safety of their children using the Library. Children under the age of ten must be closely accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver. The police may be called when children are left unattended. **The Library and its staff are not responsible for unattended children**.

The South San Francisco Public Library welcomes children in both the Main and Grand Avenue Libraries. We provide a clean, comfortable, and peaceful environment for library users. The safety and well being of young children left unattended in the Library is of serious concern. The Library is a public building open to all members of the community. It is not in the child's best interest to be left unsupervised. We ask your cooperation in keeping the Library a safe and happy place for all children.

All patrons, including children, are expected to follow the rules for appropriate Library behavior. The Patron Conduct Policy is posted in all library facilities. Behaviors not allowed in the Library include (but are not limited to) excessive noise, harassment of others, disruptive or unsafe behavior, tampering with computer hardware and/or software, running, eating, , sitting or lying on the floor, or leaving children unattended. Library staff may suspend library privileges, or take other appropriate action as described in the Suspension of Library Privileges Policy, for violations of the Patron Conduct Policy .

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