

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children while in the Library. The Byron Public Library District staff is committed to help children with activities related to the Library. However, Library staff cannot, nor is it their responsibility, serve as babysitters, teachers, or disciplinarians. Violations of this policy are grounds for suspension of library privileges. Whenever advisable, the Library will notify the parent of incidents involving an unattended child.

Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied and supervised at all times by a parent or other responsible 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 is authorized to call the police and stay with the child until the police arrive.

From time to time, the Byron Public Library District schedules or provides programs which are designed and suitable for attendance by children without parental supervision. Such program announcements will indicate if supervision is required.

Unattended Children After hours:

In the event a young person is still at the library 15 minutes after the library closes to the public, the police will be called to pick up the young person. Attempts will be made during that 15 minutes to reach parents, but in no instance will staff take young people home. Two staff persons will stay with young person until their guardian or the police arrive.

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