

 STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY	REVIEWER: County Librarian	NUMBER: 3.14
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TITLE: UNATTENDED MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 13		

The library welcomes children of all ages.

For their safety while in the library, all children under the age of 6, must be under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian or responsible caregiver.

All children are expected to follow the posted library Rules for Behavior. Parents, guardians or responsible caregivers will be asked to stay with children who are not following the posted library Rules for Behavior. When no parent, guardian or responsible caregiver is within the library building, attempts will be made to contact the parent, guardian or responsible caregiver to pick them up. If this is unsuccessful, the police may be called.

If there is a child under the age of 13 at the library at closing time, library staff will stay with the child for 30 minutes. If possible, there should be 2 staff members or a staff member and a security guard present. The staff will attempt to contact a parent, guardian or other responsible caregiver. If contact has not been made within 30 minutes after closing time, or if contact has been made and a parent, guardian or adult caregiver has not picked up the child, the local law enforcement will be contacted and the child will be placed in their custody. Use the non-emergency police phone number for your area.

Under no circumstances shall staff offer any minor a ride home or allow any minor to wait in staff cars.

Minors, age 13 or older, are free to leave the library of their own accord. They may wait unattended in a lobby or outside the library. We do not call the police regarding unattended teens.