

6.7 Children in City Libraries

- 6.7.1** The San Bernardino Public Library welcomes children to come and use our library. Our staff serves children by answering questions, providing materials to complete homework assignments, and presenting special programs designed to encourage reading. However, it is the responsibility of parents and guardians to ensure their children's safety, welfare, and appropriate behavior while in the library and on library grounds.
- 6.7.2** Library staff will not assume responsibility for the safety and well-being of any child.
- 6.7.3** Children eleven (11) years old and younger may not be left unattended anywhere in the library or on the library premises, including areas designated for children. "Unattended" means that there is no parent, guardian, tutor or assigned caregiver, over the age of eighteen (18), in the immediate vicinity and within line of sight of child.
- 6.7.4** Children twelve (12) years old or older may use the library on their own in accordance with library rules in order to select materials, complete school assignments, or attend a library program.
- 6.7.5** Any child left unattended for an extended period of time may be approached for information concerning his/her parent, guardian, or assigned caregiver's availability.
- 6.7.6** If a child is left unattended for an extended period of time or is unattended at the time of closing, and attempts to reach the parent, guardian, or assigned caregiver have failed, the security guard at the Feldheim Library or the senior person on duty at a branch will call the police and then wait with the child until police arrive to take charge of the abandoned child.
- 6.7.7** Library facilities are not designed or licensed to provide childcare or emergency care.
- 6.7.8** Library staff may not drive children to any location, even at the request of the parent, guardian, or caregiver.

6.8 Unaccompanied Adults

The children's area of the library is reserved for children, their parents or responsible adult caregivers, and adults interested in reading children's literature classes. Out of concern for the safety of young patrons, adults who are unaccompanied by a child or children in the children's area of the Library may be questioned by staff, and may be asked to move to another area of the Library.