



## **Unattended Children**

The library is a very busy public building. The library staff cannot be expected to supervise children during their visits. Children are encouraged to use the library but it is not to be used as a babysitting or after school child-care service.

- Children 8 years or younger should be attended and appropriately supervised by a responsible adult, such as a parent/guardian or a mature sitter. If a child is attending a library sponsored program, the caregiver should plan to remain available in the library building.
- Children older than 8 years of age are encouraged to use the facilities independently. They are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior, as are all patrons, whether youth or adult.

It is not the library's intention to seek out unattended children, but rather to have a reasoned response should one be necessary. Any child, unaccompanied by an adult for an extended period of time, who comes to the attention of the library staff may be approached for information concerning parental availability. If necessary, parents/guardians will be notified of library policy. The library cannot assume responsibility for children left unattended, or for those not picked up at closing time.

If a child is left unattended or not picked up promptly at closing time, the Lynwood Police will be notified. A responding officer will pick up the child and transport him/her to the police department and notify the parents/guardians or other appropriate agencies.