

Larchmont Public Library Unattended Child Policy

The Larchmont Library strives to create a fun and safe environment for children. Responsibility for children using the Library rests with their parent/guardian or caregiver, not the Library staff.

Children up to and including age 10 must have a parent/guardian or caregiver in visual contact with the child at all times.

Parents/guardians and caregivers must make arrangements to pick up older children by Library closing time. No child can be left at the library after closing time. *Should a child be left alone at closing, staff will contact the Larchmont Police Department. Staff will remain with the unattended child until the parent/guardian/caregiver or police arrive. In the event of an emergency, staff will call 911.*

Children and minors ages 11 and older may use the Library unattended subject to the Library's Code of Conduct Policy.

Parents/guardians are reminded that, even in their absence, they are legally responsible for their children.

Vulnerable minors, require a parent/guardian or caregiver who is 18 years of age or older, who is responsible for monitoring their activities and managing their behavior during their Library visit to ensure they comply with our Code of Conduct Policy. Library staff cannot provide food, transportation, or money to minors.*

A vulnerable minor is an individual under the age of 18 who is mentally or physically challenged to a degree that significantly impairs the individual's ability to adequately provide for their own care or manage their own behavior without assistance.

Parents/guardians or caregivers who violate this policy risk having their Library privileges restricted or revoked.

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