



## EUCLID PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY

# **UNATTENDED CHILDREN**

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The Euclid Public Library Board of Trustees recognizes when children are left alone in the library without parental supervision, their safety may be jeopardized. Library policy defines an unattended child as one unable to care for self or in need of assistance after being left unattended in the building, even though a parent or caregiver may be elsewhere in the building or one who is not picked up when the library closes for the day.

Children left unattended can wander throughout the library and can easily go outside alone. They may even be coaxed away by someone other than the parent or caregiver. Other unavoidable hazards include doors, furniture, and electrical outlets. The Trustees are concerned for the well-being of our community's children, and must affirm that the library staff cannot take the place of parents nor act as caregiver or babysitter, and cannot be responsible for problems resulting from children being left unattended.