

LAGO VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

RECOMMENDED BY LIBRARY ADVISORY

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The Lago Vista Public Library strives to provide a warm and welcoming environment for children of all ages.

The safety of children in the Library is a serious concern to staff and the City of Lago Vista. The Library is a public building and welcomes many visitors daily. Library staff is unable to provide supervision or assume responsibility for the care and safety of unattended children in the Library or on Library premises. It is necessary for parents/guardians and responsible caregivers to provide supervision for children while in the Library.

To ensure a positive experience for children visiting the Library, the following rules have been developed:

- All children 8 years of age and under must be in the company of a person over 12 years of age while in the Library.
- Children of any age with mental, physical, emotional or behavioral problems which necessitate supervision must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or adult caregiver (18 years of age or older) at all times.
- If the children are attending a program, the person responsible for them is expected to remain with the child for the duration of the program.
- All children age 14 and younger must be picked up by closing time. If the parents or caregivers are unavailable, the staff will contact the Lago Vista Police Department to provide custody until the children are picked up.
- Under no circumstances will staff transport children in a vehicle or accompany them home.