

# Library Operations and Services

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## Unattended Children & Vulnerable Adults

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Library personnel cannot be responsible for children or vulnerable adults left unattended at the library. Children six and under must be accompanied by someone over 14 years old at all times. Similarly, it is vital to the safety and well-being of vulnerable adults that they not be left alone in the library. A vulnerable adult is defined as “any adult who has a physical or mental condition that substantially impairs his or her ability to care for his or her needs...”

The library reserves the right to call the Hudson Police department in cases of disruptive behavior of unattended children. If a child remains at the library after closing time, a staff member will attempt to call the parent or legal guardian by telephone. If the responsible party cannot be reached or cannot come immediately to the library, the Hudson Police will be notified to pick up the child. *Under no circumstances will a staff member drive a child or vulnerable adult home or to any other destination.* A Hudson Area Public Library incident report is to be filed for unattended children and vulnerable adults left at the library.