



BARBERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY Unattended Minors Policy

The care and behavior of minor children visiting the Barberton Public Library is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. While the Library welcomes minor children to enjoy the Library and library resources, staff cannot accept responsibility for the safety and supervision of children left in the building without a parent/guardian present. The Library has developed the following procedure to guide staff in dealing with minor children left unattended.

When a situation develops that warrants the attention of a minor's parent/guardian (e.g. personal illness or injury; minor child left alone when the building closes) but that parent/guardian is not present, Library staff will attempt to contact the parent/guardian. If unable to reach the parent/guardian, Library staff will contact the Barberton Police Department to report the presence of an unattended minor. Police officers may transport the minor to the Police Department until the parent/guardian can be located.

Under no circumstances will Library staff transport any minor in the staff member's personal car or in a library vehicle.

All Library policies have been designed to maximize available resources and ensure accessibility. They are always subject to review and revision by the Board of Trustees as necessary.

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