

## **Lompoc Public Library System**

# **Unattended Child Policy**

In order to provide for the general welfare of all persons using the library and in order to provide for the general safety of children using the library:

- All children aged 12 or younger shall be attended and adequately supervised by a responsible person (e.g., a parent or other responsible caregiver aged 16 or older).
- Children aged 0 through 12 attending a library program must be brought into the building by a parent or other responsible caregiver who must remain in the building until the conclusion of the program when they again resume supervision of their charge.
- Children aged 13 or older may use the Library unattended for an amount of time appropriate to their age and maturity.
- Parents are responsible for children's behavior in the library whether or not a parent is present.
- It is not the function of the Library staff to deal with disruptive children. Children using inappropriate behavior will be informed of the rules. If inappropriate behavior continues, the child shall be asked to leave for the day after one warning.
- The library assumes no responsibility for children left unattended on the premises.