

Policy on Children in the Library

University of North Alabama Libraries strive to maintain an environment conducive to studying and research. All library users should conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. For the safety and protection of youth and for the benefit of all, the library has developed the following guidelines.

Children under age 12 must be supervised by an adult. They must remain under adult supervision throughout their library visit. Supervision implies that the child is within the sight of the responsible adult. If a child under age 12 is left in the library without adult supervision, the library staff will attempt to notify the parent or guardian. After 30 minutes, the child will be considered abandoned, and staff will call the campus police.

Children over the age of 12 may use the library without parental supervision. Should a minor act in an inappropriate manner they will first receive a verbal warning. If the behavior continues, staff will ask the minor to leave the library with parental supervision. Staff will request the assistance of campus police if the unsupervised child is under the age of 15.

Any library user, including children, who behaves in an inappropriate manner, may be asked to leave the library. Staff will never ask a child under 15 to leave the library without being accompanied by a parent or guardian. If the parent or guardian cannot be found, campus police will be consulted.