



LANCASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Unattended Children Policy

The Lancaster Public Library (LPL) welcomes and encourages children to visit, use library resources and services, and attend library programs. Staff members are available to help and support children; however, the LPL is not able to provide short or long-term child care, or be responsible for unattended children.

No children under ten (10) years of age may be left unattended in the library at any time. Library staff will not be responsible for children who have been left without adult supervision. The staff reserves the right to seek the intervention of appropriate law enforcement or social services agencies, as required by individual circumstances.

For the safety and protection of children, all children subject to the State Laws requiring school attendance are forbidden the use of the library during regular school hours without special permit or previous arrangement with school officials or the home-schooling parent.

Adopted by the Lancaster Public Library Board of Trustees at a public meeting on August 13, 2026.