

# Unattended Youth Policy

Youth are encouraged to use the Meridian Library District's (MLD) resources and services, to enjoy the Library as a place of study and inquiry, and to participate in the Library's programs. MLD encourages parents, guardians, and caregivers to use the library branches with their youth.

Children eight and under, or vulnerable people of any age, must be accompanied at all times by a responsible party.

Disruptive youth may be asked to disperse or leave the Library's property at the library staff's discretion. Parents, guardians and/or caregivers are responsible for the behavior of their youth, whether or not they are present.

Meridian Library District **does not** act *in loco parentis* for unsupervised minors.

MLD **is not** responsible for the safety or security of unattended youth. Any youth not able to travel alone must be picked up prior to closing. If it is determined that a youth is lost or left unattended, every reasonable attempt will be made to identify and locate a parent, guardian or caregiver. If an unattended youth remains at a MLD branch after closing time, the proper authorities may be notified.