

## **UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY**

Parents may not leave children under the age of ten years unattended in the Library and are responsible for their children's behavior while in the Library. Children and young people who are disruptive in the Library or on Library grounds interfere with Library service to all patrons. The public Library is not a childcare provider but a public institution where all patrons have an equal right to quality Library services in a safe and relaxed environment.

If a child is left unattended in the Library, the staff will attempt to locate his/her parents. Staff are not permitted to remain after hours with an unattended child nor to give him/her a ride home. For the safety of the child, the staff will not leave a child under the age of ten outside to wait on a ride. If a parent cannot be reached by the time the Library is to close, the Police will be called to escort the child home or keep the child until parents can be reached.