

Unattended Children

Children under the age of 10 years may not be left unattended in the Library. A parent or other responsible adult must be with the child at all times, unless the child is attending a program offered by the Library, or as requested by the program moderator.

Children 10 years of age and older may use the Library without parents or caregivers in attendance. However, the responsible adult should inform the Library staff if the child is to be left at the Library for more than one hour at a time, and must leave a phone number where we may reach the adult in case of emergencies.

If, in the judgment of the Library staff, a child is misbehaving or causing a disturbance, the staff will contact the responsible adult and ask that the child be removed from the premises.

In cases of threatening, abusive, or criminal behavior the Library staff will inform and summon the proper authorities.

Parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring that their children are safely removed from the Library building and premises by the time the Library closes. Children are not to be left waiting outside the building after the doors have been locked and staff have exited the building. Library staff are not responsible for waiting after hours to make sure unattended children are safe.

The Town and Country Public Library District is not responsible for any injuries any child may suffer as a result of his or her behavior while on the Library premises.

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