

## 2: x Child Accompaniment

This policy has been adopted in order to protect the safety of children in the library and the rights of everyone to enjoy the library.

In general, parents should not view the library as an alternative to daycare or afterschool care. Staff are not in the position to supervise children except when in scheduled library programs. Understand that the library does not act *in loco parentis* (in place of the parent) which is the standard held in the public schools.

1. The library cannot guarantee the safety of, or assume responsibility for, a child of any age who is unattended at the library.
2. Parents or the guardians will be held responsible for all liability for personal injury and damage done by their children to the library materials, equipment or building.
3. Children aged nine or younger must be accompanied and adequately supervised by a responsible adult at all times. A responsible adult means someone over the age of sixteen who is taking an active role in attending to the younger child. Children aged ten or older may use the library unattended provided their behavior does not interfere with others' rights to enjoy the library and adheres to the library's behavior policy on inappropriate behaviors. Children who behave in a disruptive manner will be told to leave the library. If a child in this age group is not able to leave the library without an adult, he/she should not be in the library alone.
4. Continued inappropriate behavior will result in additional and long term restrictions from the library at the discretion of the Library Director.

All children should have the telephone number of someone who can assist them in an emergency or in the event that the library would have to close suddenly.

Children must be picked up promptly at closing time.