

### **UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY**

The purpose of the unattended children policy is to maintain a safe and secure environment for children using the library. It defines the age at which children may use the library independently. It also ensures that young children are supervised by age appropriate, responsible parties.

Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied at all times by a responsible older party, such as a parent, guardian, or caregiver.

If a child under 6 is left unattended, efforts will be made to locate the parents/caregiver. If the parent/caregiver is not located within one hour, or if the library is closing, the police will be called to assume responsibility for the child.

The library assumes no responsibility for children left unattended, and staff will not supervise, accompany, or escort them if they leave the premises.