

Unadilla Public Library Supervision of Children or Unattended Children Policy

Children 10 years or younger must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or caregiver age 16 or older while in the Library.

Children 10 and older who come to the library without a parent, guardian or caregiver are welcome to use the Library. Vandalism or inappropriate/disruptive Library behavior will not be tolerated and may serve as grounds for removal from the Library.

Children, like other Library users, are required to respect Library property and act in a manner appropriate to the use and function of the Library.

Staff members are not responsible for the safety and supervision of children using the Library. The Library will not assume “in loco parentis” status.

If a staff member determines that a child is not adequately supervised, he/she may contact the responsible adult.

If an inadequately supervised child is in potential harm, causing a disturbance, showing disrespect for library materials, etc. a staff member may speak to the child and/or contact the responsible adult.

If a child is left at the Library without proper supervision or at closing time, a staff member may contact the adult(s) responsible for the care and safety of that child. If the child’s parent or guardian cannot be located, the staff reserve the right to call the police. Under no circumstances will staff transport children in a vehicle or accompany them home.

While using the Library, it is the expectation of the library staff that parents, caretakers, or guardians assume responsibility for supervising their children at all times.

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