

# Unattended Children Policy / Code of Conduct

## **Purpose**

To ensure the safety and well-being of all patrons using our library.

## **Policy**

1. Children under the age of 8 should be in sight of and supervised by a parent, guardian, or responsible caregiver. Parents, guardians, or caregivers of children under the age of 8 are expected to remain in the library while children are attending library programs.
2. Children over the age of 8, who are able to maintain proper library behavior, (please see "Code of Conduct" addendum) may use the library unattended.
3. Children over the age of 8, watching a movie at the library, are required to have a signed permission slip.
4. Staff may notify parents, guardians, or responsible caregivers about children who need additional supervision.
5. Staff may contact authorities, such as the police, either to assist with the enforcement of discipline in the library or to ensure the safety of an unattended child.

## Code of Library Conduct

- Gentle use of toys and materials is expected. Pick up after playing.
- One person, per their library card, on one computer.
- Children shall only sit at the computer if they have a signed internet permission slip.
- No snacks, drinks, or phone conversations in the library.
- Respect bathrooms.
- Talk using an "inside" voice.
- Use walking feet wearing shoes.