



Unattended Children Policy

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The Gardiner Library welcomes children of all ages. Parents or legal guardians are held responsible for the safety, care, and conduct of their children. Children under the age of ten may not be left unattended and must be accompanied by an adult (age 18 years or older) unless with an adult leading a program.

If it is determined that a parent or legal guardian is needed to remove a disruptive child or pick up a child for any reason, and the parent or legal guardian cannot be reached by telephone within 15 minutes, Library staff may call the police. A staff member will remain with the child until the authorities arrive.

If an unattended child is still at the Library at closing time and the parents or legal guardians cannot be reached within 15 minutes by telephone, Library staff may call the police and report the child as abandoned. A Library staff member will remain with the child until the authorities arrive.

Under no circumstances will any Library staff member drive a child home.