

## **Unattended Children's Policy**

The Pasquotank County Library is dedicated to providing a welcoming environment that encourages children to visit the library. Library staff is available to assist and support children with their use of library resources. However, the Library is not responsible for children who are left unattended on library premises. Unattended children are children of any age who are apparently unaccompanied by a parent, guardian, and/or responsible caregiver in the library. It is a violation of the Library's Code of Conduct to leave a child under the age of nine (9) without appropriate supervision.

Parents, guardians and/or caregivers are solely responsible for the safety and behavior of their children. They are advised that children, like all library users are expected to comply with the library's Code of Conduct and a child who violates those rules may be asked to leave the library's property. Parents, guardians and/or caregivers must inform themselves as to scheduled library closing times and be aware that a library facility sometimes may have to close unexpectedly due to emergencies or safety issues. It is the responsibility of parents, guardians and/or caregivers to let their children know what they should do if they must leave the library.

Library staff may call the police or other appropriate local agency if a child under the age of nine (9) is without appropriate supervision or if a child is left unattended when the library closes or if a child otherwise appears to be at risk.

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