

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

The Connetquot Public Library welcomes children of all ages to use its facilities and services. To guarantee the safety and well-being of children in the library, the following policy regarding the use of the library by children and their parents/caregivers is adopted:

- Children, like all other library users, are required to abide by the library's rules and regulations regarding appropriate behavior in the library.
- Parents/caregivers are responsible for the conduct of their children in the library and must provide such supervision of their children as is appropriate.
- Any child 10 years or younger must have a parent/caretaker with them at all times in all areas of the library.
- Parents and caregivers must be aware of library opening and closing times and make suitable arrangements to meet and/or transport their children.
- If in the judgment of the library staff an unsupervised child's conduct, capacity, or age or the conduct, or age of those responsible for the child exposes the child or others to risk, disrupts the operation of the library, or requires continual staff intervention then the staff will require that such child and those with such child leave the library unless in the judgment of the library staff the child cannot safely leave the premises without adult supervision due to age, capacity, weather, time of day, or other circumstances. In such event the library staff will attempt to contact the parent/legal guardian and request the child's removal from the library. If a parent/legal guardian is unavailable then the proper authorities will be notified.
- If a child is unaccompanied in the library at closing time, a staff member will attempt to contact the parents/caregiver. If there is no contact within 15 minutes the library will call for police assistance.
- Under no conditions will library staff transport children home or to any other destination.

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