

## Stewart B Memorial Library

### IV. Unattended Children Policy

The Stewart B. Lang Memorial Library welcomes and encourages the use of its services and facilities by children. Staff members are committed to helping children find materials which meet their needs, providing a welcoming environment and planning and presenting programs that enrich, inform and entertain. However, library facilities are not designed or licensed to provide day care.

Any public place may be dangerous for a child who is left unattended even for brief periods of time. Staff members cannot know or be responsible if children are leaving the building with responsible caregivers or strangers. When a child is left alone in the library, their behavior may become disruptive to the services the library provides for them and for others. The library encourages parents and caregivers to consider the safety and wellbeing of their children and the needs of other library users of all ages.

**Parents and caregivers are responsible for their children in the library, whether or not the parent or caregiver is present. Children under the age of 8 must be under the direct supervision of a parent, other responsible adult, or caregiver (over the age of 14) at all times in the library.**

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