



Unattended Child Policy

The Manchester District Library encourages and welcomes children to use the library and its services. Parents are reminded that the library is a public building and responsibility for the safety, care and behavior of minor children rests with them.

Children should be supervised at all times and be reminded that, like all library users, they need to treat library materials with care and respect, as well as be considerate of other library patrons and library staff.

Children under the age of 10 may not be left unattended in the library and must be directly supervised by a responsible adult or caregiver 16 years of age or older at all times.

Parents or caregivers should be aware of the time the library closes and make arrangements to meet or transport their child at closing. If a child age 15 or under is left unattended in the library at closing, a reasonable effort will be made to contact the child's parents. Two members of the library staff will wait with the child for 15 minutes after the library has closed, and then escort the child to the sheriff's office located in the lower level of the Village Building to await transportation.

Under no circumstances will library staff transport or escort an unattended child home or to any other destination.

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