



UNATTENDED CHILDREN'S POLICY

The Haverford Township Free Library (the “Library”) encourages visits by young children, and it is our desire to make this important visit both memorable, enjoyable and safe for the child. It is the sole responsibility of the parent or caregiver to be aware of the whereabouts and activities of their child or charge at all times.

The Unattended Children Policy is as follows:

1. As stated above, parents or caregivers are always responsible for their children's or charges' actions while they are in the Library. Children must follow the rules of appropriate behavior and the direction given to them by Library staff (see the Library's Behavior Policy).
2. Children under the age of 11 must have a responsible parent or caregiver with them at all times. The caregiver must be at least 13 years old and have a number where a parent or legal guardian can be reached in case of emergency. The parent or caregiver must remain within sight and hearing distance of the child at all times.
3. If a child is left in the care of someone deemed not adequately responsible by the Library staff, the child's parents or legal guardians will be notified and asked to pick up the child immediately.
4. Parents or guardians should be aware of the Library hours and arrive at the Library ten (10) minutes before closing to be certain their child or charge is picked up before the Library closes.
5. A person under the age of 18, with no means of getting home at the time the Library closes, is considered a stranded minor. The police will be notified to take custody of the stranded minor if they have no means of getting home when the Library closes to the public. Two (2) adult staff members will wait with the Library outside the closed building until a parent or the police arrive.