

Unattended Children Policy

Philosophy:

It is the Fort Madison Public Library Board's desire to make every child's visit memorable and enjoyable, while maintaining a safe and secure environment. Library employees are not expected to assume responsibility for the care of unsupervised children in the library.

Policy:

1. Children under age seven must be accompanied by a parent or caretaker of at least thirteen years of age while in the library. The parent/caretaker must remain within sight of the child at all times.
2. If a child under age seven is left unattended, the parent/caretaker will be located in the building and informed of the Library's policy. If not found in the building, further efforts to locate a parent/caregiver, including phoning, will be made. If the parent/caregiver is not located, or if the library is closing, the police will be called to assume responsibility for the child.
3. Children under the age of seven may attend library programs but their parent/caretaker must remain with them during the program. Library staff members are not responsible for children in any area of the Library at any time.

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