

Unattended Child Policy

The Haworth Municipal Library is concerned for the safety and well-being of children left unattended in the library.

We urge parents to remember that the library is a public building and it is not in any child's best interest to be left here unattended. The library has implemented the following policy for the safety of all children visiting the library.

- Children 8 years of age and younger must be supervised by a parent or a responsible caregiver (age 14 years or older). If your child is in the Children's room then you must stay with the child or have the child accompany you into the adult area.
- Children 9 to 11 years of age may be left unattended for up to one-half hour only. Please inform Children's Room staff of your whereabouts inside the library building.
- Children over 12 years of age may use the library unattended, subject to the library *Code of Conduct* policy.

If problems arise while younger children are using the library or if they are left alone, the library staff will attempt to contact the parents. If the library staff is unable to reach the parents, the police will be called.

Parents are required to be at the library no later than fifteen minutes before closing to pick up children. Under no circumstances will Library staff transport the child from the Library building.

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