

Black Watch Memorial Library

Unattended Children Policy

The Library cannot ensure the safety of any Library patron of any age, especially children. Library staff duties cannot include babysitting or taking over any parental responsibilities for children when they come into the Library. While the Black Watch Memorial Library is concerned about the safety and welfare of all children, parents and caregivers are the ones responsible for the safety and welfare, as well as monitoring children's activities and behavior.

Children eight and under must be directly supervised by a parent or responsible caregiver at all times while in the Library. Parents or caregivers are responsible for the safety and appropriate behavior of each child in their care. Children under the age of eight must NEVER be left unattended at the Library.

If any unattended child is disruptive, the parent or caregiver will be contacted to come and remove the child from the Library.

A child or children left habitually unattended is/are deemed to be at risk. If a parent or guardian of an unattended child under the age of eight cannot be contacted or located within half-hour of the discovery that the child is unattended, the Library will contact the local law enforcement or child protective authorities will be notified to take custody of the child.