

## **SOUTH HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY UNATTENDED CHILD POLICY**

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The South Huntington Public Library welcomes children and strives to provide a warm and pleasant atmosphere for them. We welcome your child and want your child to:

- Learn from an abundance of stimulating library resources
- Experience enjoyment without interfering with other library users
- Ultimately, feel safe in this, a public facility

Young children left alone while at the library, even for a short time, often become frightened or anxious. Please safeguard your children by insuring that they are properly supervised, and by following the policy outlined below:

While in the library, children aged 10 or younger shall at all times, be accompanied and adequately supervised by a responsible person (parent, caregiver, or mature adolescent of at least 14 years of age).

Children who are 11 years of age or older may be unaccompanied but, as always, must observe library rules.

Parents, not library staff, are responsible for the behavior of their children. Disruptive behavior cannot be tolerated.

When the safety of an unattended child is in doubt, the library staff will attempt to contact the parents. If the parents are unavailable, the Library will reserve the right to contact the proper authorities.

Violations of this policy are grounds for suspension of library privileges.