

## **Policy for Unattended Children**

A practice has developed whereby children are left at the library unaccompanied by a responsible older person. Unattended children often become disruptive to other patrons using the library. For the general welfare of all persons using the library, and the safety of children, the following standards have been adopted by the Library Board of Trustees.

It is not the library's function to offer child care. The library will contact the Nassau County Police if underage children are left unattended in the library.

All children in grade 2 or younger, shall at all times, be attended and adequately supervised by a responsible person (e.g. an adult or a mature adolescent age 16 or older.)

Children in grades 3 through 5 may use the Children's Room when unaccompanied, provided that a responsible person, age 14 or older, remains in the library building.

Preschool children through children in grade 6 are limited to using the computers located in the children's area. When using the computers, children in grade 2 and lower must, at all times, have an adult sitting with them in the computer area.

Parents, not library staff, are responsible for children's behavior in the library. Children deemed out of control or disruptive to patrons or library staff will be asked to leave.

*Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Jericho Public Library*

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