

**UNATTENDED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN POLICY**

The Grayslake Area Public Library is a public building open to all people. It is the responsibility of parents to supervise and monitor the behavior and safety of their children at all times. The Library is not responsible for children left in the building.

Children in first grade or younger must be with an adult caregiver age 18 or older at all times.

Children in second through fifth grades are allowed to be in the library while their adult caregiver age 18 or older is in the building but need not be in the same department as the adult caregiver.

All patrons, regardless of age, are required to abide by all policies and rules of the Grayslake Area Public Library District. If a child is found to be exhibiting behavior that is not in compliance with the library's Patron Conduct Policy #324 or any other library policies or rules, their caregiver will be asked to remove them from the library.

If a child in fifth grade or younger is found alone in the building for more than two hours, library staff will attempt to locate adult caregiver in the building or will contact the parent at home to pick up the child. If the staff is unable to contact the parent, the Grayslake Police Department will be called to pick up the abandoned child.

If a child is found unattended in the building twice in one month, the child may be denied use of the Library for a period of time determined by the Library Board of Trustees.

The Grayslake Police Department will be called to pick up children under eighteen years of age who remain at the Library more than 10 minutes past closing time.

If a child under eighteen remains after closing twice in one month, the child may be denied use of the Library for a period of time determined by the Library Board of Trustees.

Two staff members will remain in the vestibule with the child until the Police arrive. The staff will not provide transportation for any child left after closing.

To protect children from being contacted by someone who should not have access to them, the Library does not page individuals.

A parent or legal guardian wishing his or her child in second grade or older to be allowed to use the Library unattended for up to two hours may sign a "Waiver and Release From Liability" form.

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