

DAVENPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY Unattended Children Policy

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Davenport Public Library welcomes and encourages children to visit The Library to use resources, services, and programs. This policy addresses use of library facilities by children unaccompanied by a parent/guardian or caregiver.

PROVISIONS

- 1. The Library strives to maintain a safe environment for children.
- 2. The Library does not provide childcare and is not responsible for the supervision of children.
- 3. Unattended children are children under the age of eight (8) who are apparently unaccompanied by a parent/guardian or a responsible caregiver age twelve (12) or older.
- 4. Library employees will attempt to contact the parent/guardianor or caregiver of any unattended child. If the parent/guardian or caregiver cannot be located within one (1) hour, or if The Library is closing, employees will contact local law enforcement.

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