

THE
HELEN KATE FURNESS
FREE LIBRARY

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Unattended Child Policy

The Helen Kate Furness Free Library welcomes children. Children under the age of 10 must not be left unattended on library premises. For the safety and comfort of children, a responsible individual age 16 or older must accompany children under age 10 when they are using the library.

Parents/caregivers are responsible for their child's safety and behavior while in the library whether the parent/caregiver is present or not. Library employees cannot function as caregivers, babysitters or act in a parental role. The library is not equipped—and it is not the library's role—to provide long-or short-term childcare. The library assumes neither responsibility nor liability for the actions, care, supervision or safety of minors.

When a child of any age is unattended or under-attended/ignored and

- the behavior of the child is disruptive or inappropriate (or)
- the child appears to be a danger to herself or himself or others (or)
- the child appears to be threatened by others (or)
- the child appears to be ill or upset (or)
- the child has not been met by a parent or caregiver at closing

Library staff will attempt to contact the parent or guardian of the child. In the event that the parent or guardian cannot be located, staff will contact the Nether Providence Police Department. In the event of an emergency, staff will call 911.