

**John Curtis Free Library
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Unattended Children

The John Curtis Free Library welcomes children of all ages and strives to create a warm, inviting learning environment. The Library offers many programs and services that encourage children to develop a love of books and reading. However, the Library is a public building, and the well-being of young children left alone at the Library is a serious concern. The responsibility for children using the Library rests with the child's parent/guardian or a designated caregiver.

To ensure the safety of all children, we adopt the following policy:

1. Children seven years old or younger must be accompanied and supervised by a parent/guardian or designated caregiver at all times while in the Library, including Library programming. Children ages 7-12 may use Library resources as long as a parent/caregiver is present in the building. Children age 13 and above may use the Library independently; they should be able to reach a parent or caregiver, if necessary.
2. Parents/caregivers are responsible for the conduct of the children under their supervision. If the child's conduct is deemed a danger to themselves or others in violation of posted *Code of Behavior* policy, the child and his/her caretaker will be asked to leave the building.
3. The Library staff is not responsible for supervising children. If children are unattended at closing time, every effort will be made to contact a parent/caregiver. If arrangements cannot be made for immediate pickup, Hanover Police will be contacted.

Approved, Board of Library Trustees – February 11, 2019