

**Berwyn Public Library
Unattended Children Policy**

Children under the age of **10** must be attended and adequately supervised by a parent or a responsible care giver, age **14** or older while in the library. Disruptive children not accompanied by parents will be asked to leave after receiving one warning and after parents have been notified. If the parent(s) are present, they will be asked to remove the disruptive child/children from the library.

Parents are responsible for their children's behavior while in the library whether or not the parent is present.

Children attending a library program must be brought into the building by a parent or a responsible child care provider who must remain in the building until the conclusion of the program when he/she again resumes supervision of his/her charge.

If unattended children age **13** and under are present in the library at closing time or at the time of an emergency closing, the librarian in charge shall attempt to contact a parent or guardian by telephone to come and pick up the child within **15** minutes. If no parent or guardian can be reached, the librarian will contact local police. At least two adult staff members will wait with the child until the police arrive to take custody of the child.

**Approved by the Berwyn Public Library Board of Trustees.
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