



East Rockaway Public Library

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UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

The East Rockaway Public Library welcomes library use by children. It is the intention of this policy to enlist the cooperation of parents and other adults responsible for children to ensure that the East Rockaway Public Library provides a safe and pleasant experience for all who use it.

The Library is a public building with staff trained to provide public library services. The Library is not equipped, and it is not the Library's role, to provide long- or short-term child care. Staff members are available to assist children with library materials or services.

The responsibility for the safety and behavior of children in the library rests with the parent/caregiver and not with Library staff. Though the library staff will always respond with care and concern, they cannot be responsible for children who are unattended or demonstrating inappropriate behavior. Library employees are authorized to bring to an individual's attention any act or omission which violates library rules. The individual will be asked to change the problem behavior to conform to the rules. If such change is not evident or forthcoming, that individual will be asked to leave Library property.

Please note:

- **Children under 6 years of age MUST REMAIN WITH AN ADULT at all times while in the library.**
- **Children 6-10 years of age MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT who remains in the same area of the Library except for the duration of time they are attending a supervised library activity.**

If a child is left unattended and attempts to reach the parents have failed, the Nassau County Police Department will be called to take responsibility for the child.

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