

**Hopkinton Town Library  
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## **Unattended Child Policy**

To ensure the safety and peaceful enjoyment of the library by all patrons, the Hopkinton Town Library Board of Trustees has adopted the following Unattended Child Policy:

Children age of 10 and older are welcome to use the library unattended. Parents are asked to be aware of library opening and closing hours and to arrange for their children to be dropped off and picked up at the appropriate times. The library staff is not responsible for children of any age dropped off before opening or not picked up prior to library closing.

Children under 10 years of age using the library must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, other adult, or a sibling/babysitter over the age of 14 who acknowledges full responsibility for the child's behavior during their entire stay in the library. Exceptions are made by permission of the staff for children participating in library programs, or by special permission of the library director.

All library guests are expected to adhere to this policy in addition to the rules outlined in the Library's Behavior Policy. Violations will be addressed by the library director or the senior staff person present.

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