

**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 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.

If a child under 10 is left unattended in the library, the staff will contact the parents and explain the library's policy. Repeated incidents involving the same family will be addressed by the Library Director.

Children over the age of 10 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 is not responsible for children of any age dropped off before opening or not picked up prior to library closing.

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