

## **Unattended Child Policy**

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The Granville Public Library is passionate about its role in meeting children's educational and entertainment needs and is devoted to providing a welcoming and comfortable space to learn, socialize, and play. For the comfort and safety of all visitors to the library we ask that parents/caregivers (at least 14 years old):

- accompany children 7 years old and under and keep them within view at all times;
- for children 7 years old and under, parents/caregivers should stay in the building during programs when parental/caregiver program attendance is not required;
- accompany children of any age to programs that call for parental/caregiver supervision;
- be confident that unaccompanied children 8 years and older are self-reliant and can independently navigate the library;
- be confident that unaccompanied children 8 years and older can independently contact parents/caregivers in case of an emergency; and
- be confident that unaccompanied children 8 years and older will be respectful to staff and patrons and follow library rules.

Granville Public Library created these guidelines as a tool to keep children safe. Ultimately, parents/caregivers are the best judge of their child's ability to navigate the library alone. Please chaperone any child who is unable to meet these guidelines. Thank you for helping to keep Granville Public Library a safe and welcoming place for our community.