



Unattended Child Policy

Children of all ages are welcome in the Library. While the Guelph Public Library tries to provide a safe environment for all, caregivers are responsible for the supervision of children in their care while the children are on Library premises.

1 Policy Principles

- 1.1 It is the responsibility of the caregiver to monitor both the whereabouts and behaviour of children in their care on Library premises.
- 1.2 Children who are ten (10) years of age or under must be accompanied by a caregiver while on Library premises. A caregiver for a child 10 years or younger must be 12 years of age or older.
- 1.3 Children who are ten (10) years of age or under attending Library programs or events must have a caregiver present in the Library.
- 1.4 If a child under ten (10) years of age is still without adult supervision at closing time, police will be called.

2 Responsibilities

- 2.1 Staff are expected to respond when children are left unattended at the Guelph Public Library and will take the appropriate action, including contacting the child's family, Guelph Police or Family & Children's Services of Guelph and Wellington County.
- 2.2 Under the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, April 30, 2018, section #125, Library Staff have a Duty to Report if they have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is in need of protection.