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PURPOSE:

This policy defines the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library's expectations regarding children left unattended in the library.

DEFINITIONS:

Child / Children - includes all persons who are under 10 years of age.

Parent - includes parents, guardians and caregivers responsible for the care and wellbeing of the child, while in the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library.

Unattended - is a child left without visible supervision by a parent within the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library.

Staff - includes Library Employees, Pages, Volunteers, and Community Partners.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Library locations and children under the age of 10.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Sault Ste. Marie Public Library endeavours to provide a welcoming and safe environment for children of all ages. Parents are responsible for providing supervision and care of their children while on the premises.

Library staff can neither care for, nor take responsibility for children left unattended at the Library.

When children are left without adequate supervision, the Library will take the appropriate action, including contacting the child's family, Sault Ste. Marie Police Services or the Children's Aid Society.