

Meredith Public Library's Unattended Children Policy

In an effort to address regulations from the Town of Meredith's Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer, the Meredith Public Library Board of Trustees has adopted a policy concerning unattended children in the Library.

Busy public buildings are not secure places for children to be left alone. Children under the age of ten attending the library must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, a young adult or sibling of at least fourteen years of age who acknowledges responsibility for the child during their entire stay at the library. Parents or guardians must be with their children at all times and demonstrate responsibility for their child(ren)'s safety and behavior as Library staff cannot assume responsibility for unattended children's safety and comfort. Library staff does not monitor the arrival or departure of any child attending a library program or activity.

If a child has been dropped off at the library and has no parent or guardian at the library, the child will be allowed to call the parent or guardian for pick up. If no parent or guardian can accept responsibility for the child, the Meredith police will be contacted for assistance.