



**Wainfleet Township
Public Library**

UNATTENDED CHILDREN'S POLICY

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The Wainfleet Township Public Library welcomes children to use its facilities and services.

Parents, guardians and caregivers are responsible for the safety, behaviour and supervision of their children at all times in the Library and on Library property.

Children, like all library users, are required to respect Library property and to act in a manner appropriate to the use and function of the Library, according to the Library Rules of Conduct Policy.

Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, caregiver or a mature adolescent age 14 or older, at all times and in all areas of the Library and its property except when participating in a Library sponsored program, such as Story Time. Please note that feature film presentations are not considered a program per se and therefore, an adult must accompany all children under the age of 10.

Older children and adolescents who come to the Library without a parent, guardian, or caregiver are welcome for appropriate use of the Library, such as homework or reading, for a reasonable period of time. Vandalism and disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated and may serve as grounds for removal from Library property as per the Library Rules of Conduct Policy.

Unaccompanied children over 10 must have the telephone numbers of their parent, guardian or caregiver, so that a responsible adult may be contacted in the event of an emergency or an unexpected library closure. In addition, parents, guardians, and caregivers should be aware of Library opening and closing times and make suitable arrangements to meet and/or transport their children.

In the event that a child is left after Library hours or in the case of an emergency and no responsible adult can be contacted to provide transportation, the staff will call the Family and Child Services or the Niagara Regional Police for assistance. Staff will not transport children home or to any other destination under any circumstances.