

## Unattended Child Policy

- a. The purpose of the unattended children policy is to maintain a safe and secure environment for children using the Library and to reinforce that parents or guardians are responsible for the supervision and behavior of their children at all times.
- b. All children are subject to Thorp Public Library's Policy on Library Users. Library staff will intervene when a child is violating policy in an appropriate manner.
- c. Children 8 years of age or older may be in the library unattended, provided that their behavior is not disruptive for other patrons.
- d. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a responsible person in the immediate vicinity. The responsible person must be 12 years of age or older.
- e. If a child under the age of 12 is left alone in the library at closing time a staff member will determine the child's name and attempt to contact their parent or guardian. If there is no response to the call the staff member will wait 15 minutes for the child to be picked up. If the parent or guardian cannot be contacted the police will be called to insure the wellbeing and safety of the child.