

Town of Chester Public Library

Safe Child Policy

- The safety of children in the library is paramount to the staff of the library. The safety and behavior of children using the library is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver as the staff of the library has many other duties to perform.
- Children left alone in the library must be of an age of maturity to act independently and responsibly.
- Children of all ages must comply with all Library rules and Patron Code of Conduct. Failure to comply will result in staff requesting that child leave the library. Failure to leave may result in a call to the local police. If a child is alone in the library and not able to leave without an adult, that child should not be in the library unattended.
- In the event of an emergency/disaster, unattended children must be able to leave the library independently.
- The library staff is not responsible for unattended children left at closing time or in the event of an emergency. Parents/caregivers are responsible for knowing the hours of operation of the library. Library staff cannot escort children home who are left unattended. In the event a child is left unattended and cannot go home unsupervised, the police will be called to escort the child home in the company of a staff member. Repeated offenses of this nature will be reported to the police and repeat offenders will be prohibited from the library in the future.

Approved by the Board of Trustees

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