Unattended Children Policy

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For reasons of safety and the well-being of young children, the following rules will be abided by:

1. Caregivers of children under 18 years of age are responsible for the behavior of their children.

2. All children ~~10~~ 8 years of age and younger must be attended to and supervised by an adult caregiver or a parent-approved caregiver, age ~~16~~ 14 or older, at all times.

3. Children ages ~~11~~ 9 and up, ~~who have a Mamakating Library card~~, may remain in the library without adult supervision. If a child is not adhering to all library rules, he/she may be asked to leave by a library staff member.

4. Parents are expected to be aware of library hours of operation and to pick up their children prior to closing.

Further:

Neither library personnel nor the trustees of the library assume responsibility for unsupervised children in the library.

If it is determined that a parent is needed to pick up a child from the library for any reason, and the parent cannot be reached or located, library staff may use their discretion to contact emergency medical services, child protection services or police. A staff member will remain with the child until authorities arrive. Under no circumstances may a staff member drive a child home from the library.

Approved by the Mamakating Library Board of Trustees
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