

Unattended Children

Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children while they are in the library. The Schuyler Public Library staff is committed to help children with activities related to the Library. However, Library staff cannot, nor is it their responsibility to serve as babysitters, teachers or disciplinarians. Violations of this policy are grounds for suspension of library privileges. Whenever advisable, the Library will notify the parent of incidents involving an unattended child. (Form will follow)

Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied and directly supervised at all times by a parent or responsible caregiver. Parents of children under the age of 6 are encouraged to accompany their children while their children are attending a library program. Children over the age of 6 may use the Library unattended by an adult, following other Library rules and policies concerning behavior, conduct and demeanor.

Please be familiar with the posted library hours of business. Young children must be picked up 5 minutes prior to closing time. If parents are not present at time of closing and are unable to be contacted then the police department will be notified and the children will be put into their care. Under no circumstances will an employee of the library be allowed to transport your child home or to the police station.

Unattended Children Parental Notification Letter

Date of incident: _____

To the parents of:

The Schuyler Public Library has recently experienced a day when your child(ren) were on Library grounds unattended by

you or a responsible caregiver. A copy of the Library's policy on Unattended Children is printed above for your attention. We ask that you review this policy and make every effort to follow it. We do not wish to suspend Library privileges for you or your family, but the safety of children as well as the proper operation of the Library is our first responsibility. If you have any questions regarding this policy or its enforcement, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Schuyler Public Library