UNATTENDED CHILDREN

Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children while they are in the Library. The Evans Public Library District staff is committed to help children with activities related to the Library. However, library staff cannot, nor is it their responsibility to serve as baby-sitters, 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.

Children age 5 and under must be accompanied and directly supervised at all times by a parent or other responsible caregiver. When the safety of an unattended child is in doubt, or the parent or responsible caregiver cannot be located, or if the Library is closing, the library staff is authorized to call the police and stay with the child until the police arrive. In no instance will staff take young people home.

From time to time the Evans Public Library District schedules or provides programs which are designed and suitable for attendance by children without parental supervision. These programs will be specifically for preschool children.

Children age 6 and older may use the Library unattended by an adult, subject to other library rules and policies concerning behavior, conduct and demeanor.

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UNATTENDED CHILDREN PARENTAL NOTIFICATION LETTER

Dear _____,

       The Evans Public Library has recently experienced an incident involving your child, _____ _____, where he/she was in the Library unattended by you or a responsible caregiver. A copy of the Library's policy on Unattended Children is enclosed here 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.

Very Truly Yours,

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      Library Director