



### **Unattended Child Policy**

For the safety of all children who visit Freeport Community Library, children under the age of eight years must be accompanied and directly supervised by a responsible caregiver age 11 and up, who assumes full accountability for the children's safety and behavior in the library.

"Directly supervised" means the child and the caregiver must be able to observe one another at all times. The library staff members do not serve *in loco parentis* (in place of a parent) for children in the library.

Parents or guardians must pick up their children prior to library closing time. Children under age 11 who are not picked up by closing time may be placed, for their protection, in the custody of the police. Library staff will attempt to contact the child's parents/guardians, however if staff are unable to reach a parent/guardian, police will be called immediately. Staff members will never transport a child or children home.

### **Unattended Adults in Youth Services**

Adults may visit the Youth Services area when accompanied by children using that department or when they are retrieving materials for research or borrowing purposes. Unaccompanied adults may be asked by library staff to use the facilities, services, and equipment in the adult section of the library.