

**DRAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
POLICY ON UNATTENDED CHILDREN**

In order to provide for the general welfare of all persons using Drake Community Library, and especially for the general safety of children, and, in order to prevent undue disruption of regular library activities, the following regulations have been adopted by the Board of Trustees, Drake Community Library, Grinnell, Iowa, effective as of the date of this document.

1. All children aged five years or younger shall, at all times, be attended and adequately supervised by a responsible person, e.g., an adult or mature adolescent. Preschool aged children who have been brought to a library program should be brought into the building by the responsible person and picked up at the end of the program. If the person responsible for the child intends to leave the library building while the child remains in the building, that person shall leave word at the main desk as to their expected whereabouts.
2. Children who are at least six years of age but less than eight years of age may be left unattended for up to one-half hour in the library. (This does not pertain to a child's attendance during library programs.)
3. Persons responsible for children who have special problems, related to physical or mental ability, disruptive behavior, emotional problems, lack of adequate attention span, incomplete social skills, etc., shall remain with their children at all times.
4. Children from the age of eight years and older may use the library unattended, subject, of course, to other regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees, Drake Community Library, concerning behavior, conduct, and demeanor.

Drake Community Library assumes no responsibility for children left unattended on library premises.