

## Unattended Children

For safety and security, the Sayville Library requires all children below the age of ten (10) to be accompanied and supervised by a parent or responsible caregiver over the age of 14 while using the Library. Children age ten (10) and older may use the Library independent of a parent or responsible caregiver, provided they adhere to the Library's *Conduct on Library Property* policy.

Parents or caregivers, not Library staff, are responsible for the behavior and supervision of their children while using the Library. The Sayville Library does not assume responsibility for children's safety or behavior when they are in the Library.

Staff will notify parents or responsible caregivers if their children are left unattended and require supervision. If parents or responsible caregivers are unavailable, Library staff will contact the proper authorities.

During times of a public health emergency and/or infectious disease outbreak, the *Unattended Children* policy will be temporarily modified that such policy is put into procedure to require all children under age 14 to be accompanied by a responsible adult in order to use the Library. Students age 14 and over may be required to show a valid school identification during this period.