

The Etna Library

Use of the Library by Children

The Etna Library strives to provide a welcome environment that encourages children to visit. Library staff are available to assist and support children in using the library. For the purposes of this policy, children are defined as being under the age of 13.

Library staff are not responsible for children who are left unattended on the library premises. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied and supervised by a parent/guardian/caregiver over the age of 12. Children ages eight through eleven must not be in the library unattended by an adult for more than two hours. Library staff do not provide childcare, supervise unattended children, or assume responsibility for the actions and safety of children.

Parents/guardians/caregivers are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children.

Like all library users, children are expected to behave appropriately and abide by the library's rules and regulations. Disruptive children who violate the rules and regulations may be asked to leave the library premises. Library staff may contact parents or the Hanover Police if an unattended child is being disruptive or is in distress.

Closing Time

The library staff is particularly concerned about children who may be unattended when the library closes. To ensure the child's safety after the library closes, a staff member will determine if the child is aware of a pick-up schedule. If not, the child will be invited to make a phone call to make immediate arrangements to get safely home.

If no arrangement can be made or a ride does not arrive within 20 minutes after closing and the child is in grade 4 or lower, a staff member will call the Hanover Police, who will plan for the child to be safely cared for.