



North Grenville Public Library

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The North Grenville Public Library (hereinafter called the Library) welcomes the use of its facilities and services by children. Library staff members are committed to the well-being and safety of children.

Section 1: Role of Staff

1. Staff will assist children in using the Library for the following purposes:
 - a. Finding materials for school work and recreational reading.
 - b. Having a safe and welcoming space that encourages study, intellectual curiosity and creativity.
 - c. Participating in programs that inform and enrich.
2. Library facilities, however, are not licensed or designed to provide basic childcare needs. Any public space may be dangerous for a child who is left unattended. It is impossible for the Library staff to guarantee a safe environment.
3. If a child under the age of ten is in the Library without a parent or caregiver, the Library staff will contact the parent or caregiver, or failing that, will contact the police. A caregiver is considered to be a person designated to look after the child by the parent or guardian who is 14 years of age or older.
4. Library staff are required to notify the appropriate authorities if they have reason to suspect that there is evidence of abuse or neglect.

Section 2: Role of Parents/Guardians

The Library encourages parents/guardians to consider the safety and well-being of their children and the needs of other library users of all ages. Children under the age of ten must be attended by a parent or other responsible caregiver at all times while in the library.

If at any time the child is unattended the following will occur:

1. The parent or caregiver, if determined to be in the Library, will be asked to stay with and supervise the child.
2. If it is determined that the child is in the library without an adult caregiver, a staff member will call the parents and request that they pick up the child. If the parents cannot be reached within 30 minutes or if they do not respond within 30 minutes, the police will be asked to assume responsibility.

Signature of Chair: _____



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