

# UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

The Laconia Public Library is intended to be a place where children are welcomed. They are encouraged to read, to explore various formats, to attend programs and to make full use of the library's resources.

However, because **unattended children can be at risk in a public place**, the Laconia Public Library requests that children under the age of ten (10) years of age must be accompanied by a parent or responsible caregiver aged fourteen (14) or older. **At no time, or for any reason, may that parent or caregiver leave the child unattended.** The library can assume no responsibility for the safety of a child on library premises.

If the child is attending a library program the parent or responsible caregiver may not leave the library building. **The parent is responsible for a child's behavior, whether the parent is present or not.**

