



Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville Unattended Child Policy

The Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville welcomes children of all ages. However, the Library cannot provide supervision of unattended children. The Library is not a substitute for after-school or daycare programs. Children under the age of ten cannot be left unattended in the Library, or dropped off at the Library, and must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, caregiver, or baby sitter at least 13 years of age at all times. Parents, guardians, or caregivers must confirm Library open hours before dropping off a child over the age of ten at the Library.

Children may not be left unaccompanied in one part of the Library while the parent, guardian, or caregiver is in another part of the Library.

If a child under the age of eight is left alone, Library staff will make every effort to locate a parent, guardian, or caregiver. If staff is unable to locate the parent, guardian, or caregiver in the Library, staff will contact the DeWitt Police Department to ensure the safety of the child.

CLOSING TIME

Library staff will contact the DeWitt Police Department if they discover unattended children still in the Library at closing time. A staff person will remain with the child until a police officer arrives.

Under NO circumstances will a staff member drive or accompany a child home. Once the child is in the protective care of the DeWitt Police Department, a note will be attached to the Library entrance with the following information: "Unattended child is in the care of the DeWitt Police Department." Neither the name of the child nor the name of the parent, guardian, or caregiver will be listed on the note.

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