

UNATTENDED MINORS POLICY

Approved by board 8-16-18

The South Country Library welcomes children and youth of all ages to use its facilities and services. The safety and well-being of all ages and the maintenance of an atmosphere conducive to library use are major concerns. Although the South Country Library is happy to serve the needs of children of all ages, staff cannot be expected to supervise minors while carrying out their professional responsibilities. Young children must be attended and adequately supervised at all times.

A parent or an adult 18 years or older should supervise any child under the age of 10 years old at all times. A child 10 years or older may use the library unattended provided they are able to maintain proper library behavior. Children can be asked to leave the library if they are disruptive.

Responsibility for the welfare and the behavior of all minors using the South Country Library rests solely with the parent/guardian. If parents are unavailable, proper authorities will be contacted.

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In the event of a time of emergency (i.e. public health crisis, or other emergency), the library reserves the right to raise the age that a minor may use the library without supervision to age 14. Students 14 and over may be required by Library staff to show a valid school ID during such time.