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## **Caswell County Public Library Safe Child Policy**

Caswell County Public Library welcomes children of all ages. We ask you to help us keep the library a safe and pleasant place by adhering to the following policies.

A parent or caretaker must accompany children 12 years of age and under. They are responsible for the child's behavior, while they are at the library. Library staff have multiple duties, and in order to serve all citizens, they cannot monitor the behavior of each child.

### **Unattended Children**

It is inappropriate for children under 12 years of age to be at the Library unaccompanied by an adult or guardian. Library staff and administration are not responsible for unsupervised or unaccompanied children. If the library staff are aware of an unattended child, they will try to contact a parent or legal guardian. If unable to locate parent or guardian, staff will contact appropriate authorities. During special library programs for children, parents or guardians should remain on the premises (in the main library where the parent/guardian is accessible to the child) until the program has ended, in case an emergency should arise.

### **Disruptive Children**

Children should be encouraged to use the library appropriately. Appropriate library activities include choosing materials, sitting at tables to read or work on projects, and working on appropriate computers. Because disruptive children can detract from other patrons' enjoyment of the library, talking should be kept at an appropriate level. Your child must be accompanied while they are using the Internet work station. Children 12 years of age and under are not allowed to use the Internet work station without adult supervision.

### **In addition, if you are using an Internet workstation, it is not appropriate to leave your child unattended in the Children's area.**

Your cooperation and adherence to these policies will help us maintain a pleasant and safe environment in your public library.

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