## Northville District Library Policy on The Safety of Children at the Library

The Northville District Library welcomes children and their families to its facility. While the Library seeks to maintain a safe and secure environment, it must be recognized that this is a public building which anyone may enter.

Parents and caregivers are responsible for the safety of their children while at the Northville District Library. As such, the Library requests that all parents and caregivers comply with the following policies in order to help maintain a safe environment for all to enjoy the services of the Library:

- Accompany and supervise their child under the age of twelve (12) at all times they are in the Library.
- Accompanying caregivers must be over the age of 14.
- Ensure that their unaccompanied children over the age of twelve (12) are able to follow the Library's Code of Conduct. Any behavior that disrupts the ability of other patrons to use the Library may result in the child's removal from the premises. If necessary, the Library reserves the right to contact the Northville Police Department to address disruptive behavior.
- Ensure that their unaccompanied children ages twelve (12) and older have emergency contact information with them and that they are able to share that information with Library staff if requested.
- Pick up their children no later than 10 minutes before closing time.
   Parents and caregivers should be aware of the Library's hours and are expected to make arrangements in advance to pick up their child prior to closing.
- Should any unattended child be left at the Library after closing, the Northville Police Department will be called and the child will be turned over to them.

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