

## **UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY**

### **PERU FREE LIBRARY**

Parents, guardians or caregivers, not Library staff, are responsible for the care, behavior and supervision of their children while using the Peru Free Library. Please remember that the Library is a public place. Parents, guardians or caregivers are advised that, even in their absence, they are legally responsible for their child's behavior. The Library staff is here to provide library service and will not assume any parental responsibility.

Children under the age of 10 must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult. If a child under the age of 10 is attending a Library program, a parent, guardian or caregiver must be in the building and aware of the location and behavior of their child.

If a child is left in the Library at the end of the day, the staff will do the following: immediately attempt to contact the family; as soon as possible attempt to contact a Board member by phone or ask this member to be physically present at the Library; wait 15 minutes with the child; call the State Police if the child is not picked-up in a timely fashion. Under no circumstances will a staff member assume responsibility for transporting such an unattended child from the Library.

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