

SAFE CHILD

The Amery Area Public Library welcomes visits by children and their families. However, library staff cannot provide child care or assume responsibility for children's safety. Parents, guardians, teachers and caregivers, not library staff, are responsible for the behavior and safety of children visiting the library. Staff cannot be placed in the position of supervising unattended children.

Unattended Children

An unattended child is a child ten years of age or younger who is apparently unaccompanied by a responsible caregiver. Parent, guardians, teachers and caregivers may not leave children alone or in the care of other children who are unable or unwilling to provide adequate care. Supervising caregivers must be close at hand.

Children age eleven or over may remain in the library unattended, provided they abide by the policies set forth by the Amery Area Public Library.

As in all public places, "stranger danger" is a real concern. Library staff cannot prevent children from interacting with or leaving with persons who are not the appropriate chaperone.

If the library is closing, at a regular time or in an emergency situation, and a parent or guardian of a child cannot be located in the building, the Amery Police Department will be called to take the child.

The library is not responsible for any consequences of parents forfeiting their responsibilities.

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