## Town of Indian Lake Public Library Unattended Child Policy

Adequate supervision of children is necessary to ensure the general safety and comfort of all persons using the library, and to protect the library building and its contents.

- Children over the age of eight (8) may use the library subject to the general rules of conduct applied to all Library patrons.
- No child under the age of eight (8) shall be allowed to remain in the library unsupervised by a responsible person no younger than 12 years of age.
- The Town of Indian Lake Public Library assumes absolutely no responsibility for any child left unattended. All persons in the library are required to follow the Library's code of conduct.
- Running, fighting or hazardous play or other inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Staff will instruct anyone behaving inappropriately to leave.
  - If child is unattended and asked to leave, a responsible caregiver will be contacted to collect the child.
  - > An incident report will be filed ASAP after this occurrence.
  - Report incident to director if not present.
- If a minor is at the library without transport close to the library's closing hours, no fewer than 2 staff shall remain in the building with said minor until the following occurs:
  - Staff will assist in contacting a responsible party to pick up the child prior to closing.
  - 2 staff will stay with child for 15 minutes after closing, then will call police or sheriff to collect the child.
  - > An incident report will be filed ASAP after this occurrence.
  - Report incident to director if not present.

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