

TAPPAN FREE LIBRARY

Unattended Minors in the Library Policy

Purpose and Scope

The Tappan Free Library welcomes children to use its facilities for customary library activities. However, responsibility for children using the library rests with the parent, guardian or assigned caregiver, not with library personnel.

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS NEED TO BE AWARE THAT THE LIBRARY, AS AN INSTITUTION, DOES NOT HAVE LEGAL "PROVISION OF CARE" RESPONSIBILITIES.

For the protection and well-being of your children while you are enjoying the library, the following policy has been established:

- Children in grades 5 and below must be supervised by a responsible adult/caregiver 16 years older at all times.
- Responsible parties must remain in the building while a child in 5th grade and younger is attending a program.
- Like adults, disruptive young people will be asked to leave the library.
- Library staff cannot provide food, transportation or money to children.
- Library staff cannot take legal responsibility for a child in the case of a medical emergency.

If an unaccompanied or abandoned child is in the library the Orangetown Police Department will be contacted to handle the situation.