



UNATTENDED CHILD POLICY

The Coatesville Area Public Library welcomes the use of their facilities and services by children of all ages. The library offers many services and programs for children to encourage them to visit often and develop a love of books, reading, and libraries.

For the protection and well-being of children who enjoy our resources, programs, and facilities, the Coatesville Area Public Library has adopted the following policy:

- Children under the age of thirteen (13) must be accompanied by a parent or responsible caregiver (at least 16 years of age) at all times.
- Children, like all library users, are expected to abide by all library policies. Parents and caregivers are responsible for their children's behavior while in the library.
- If a child under the age of thirteen (13) is attending a program independently, a parent or caregiver must remain in the building.
- The library staff cannot assume responsibility for children left in the library throughout the day or at closing and are not authorized to act in loco parentis.
- In the event that children under the age of 16 are left unattended or waiting for transportation when the Library closes, staff will call 911 and monitor the situation until first responders arrive. Staff will not provide transportation to children under any circumstances.

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