
**BARRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHILD WELFARE POLICY**

MOTION #17-35

Reviewed June 22, 2017

The Barrie Public Library encourages and promotes children's use of the library. We aim to make our library facilities welcoming, educational, fun and safe for children of all ages. It is noted however, that it is the responsibility of the parent or caregiver to monitor the whereabouts and behaviour of their children.

In accordance with the Ontario Child and Family Services Act, RSO 1990, c11, children under the age of 10 must remain in the company of a parent or responsible caregiver while in the library.

A child 9 years or younger who is attending a library program need not be accompanied into that program by a parent/caregiver, unless otherwise indicated. Parents/caregivers must, however, be present in the building during the program.

When an unattended child is found in the library, and if the parent cannot be located in the building, staff may contact the Children's Aid Society (CAS) and/or the Barrie Police Service.

Library staff has a legal obligation to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

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Motion #08-16	Revised February 28, 2008 (formerly Unattended Child Policy)
Motion #09-20	Reviewed June 25, 2009
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