

## UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

The East Meadow Public Library welcomes the use of its services and facilities by children. Our services and programs are offered to make the library enticing to children, to encourage them to visit the library and to develop a love of books, reading and libraries.

Responsibility for the welfare and the behavior of children using the library rests with the parent/guardian or caregiver. Children under the age of 10 may not be left unattended at any time, anywhere in the library. Any child unaccompanied by a responsible adult or a caregiver may be approached by a staff member for information concerning his/her parent's availability. The parents will then be notified of library policy.

If a child age 13 and under is left unattended at the time of closing and attempts to reach the parents have failed, the Nassau County Police Department will be called to take responsibility for the child.