

DOWNINGTOWN LIBRARY COMPANY UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

The Downingtown Library Company 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 Downingtown Library Company has adopted the following policy:

Children under the age of ten (10) must be accompanied by a parent or the designated caregiver at all times unless attending a library-sponsored program that specifies otherwise.

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.

In the event that children are unattended or waiting for transportation when the library closes, staff will facilitate contacting parents and wait for 15 minutes for them to arrive. If parents do not arrive within 15 minutes, staff will call the Downingtown police and monitor children until parents or police arrive.

Staff will not provide transportation to children under any circumstances.

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