

## **UNATTENDED CHILDREN**

The Smithtown Special Library District welcomes children of all ages to use its facilities and services. To guarantee the safety and well being of children in the library, the following policy regarding the use of the library by children and their parents or caregivers is adopted:

- Children, like all other library users, are required to abide by the library's rules and regulations regarding appropriate behavior in the library.
- Parents and caregivers are responsible for the conduct of their children in the library and must provide such supervision of their children as is appropriate.
- Any child eleven years or younger must have a parent/guardian/caregiver with them at all times in all areas of the library.
- Parents and caregivers must be aware of library opening and closing times and make suitable arrangements to meet and/or transport their children.
- If a child is unaccompanied in the library at closing time, every effort will be made to assist the child in calling his/her parent or caregiver to arrange for transportation.
- In the event a parent or caregiver cannot be contacted, the library will call for police assistance.
- Under no conditions will library staff transport children home or to any other destination.
- If a child is left after hours, two (2) library staff members will stay until arrangements are made. If there is no contact within 15 minutes, the library will call for police assistance.