The Delta Township District Library is concerned for the safety and wellbeing of children. Parents are responsible for and liable for their minor children’s behavior in the library, for damage to materials, equipment and furnishings, and for injury to themselves and others. Library staff cannot provide childcare or assume responsibility for children’s behavior or safety.

Children five years old and under must be attended to and actively supervised by a parent or caregiver at all times while in the Library. Children eight years old and under must have a parent or caregiver in the building. A caregiver must be a responsible person at least twelve years of age. Children nine years old and older may use the Library unattended provided they follow Library rules and observe proper conduct.

Library staff reserves the right to ask a parent or caregiver to remove their child/children from the library premises due to disruptive and/or unsafe behavior. If a parent/caregiver cannot be found, staff will contact the police.

Adults are permitted in the Youth Services area when accompanied by a child or if the adult is actively reading, studying, and using library materials from the Youth Services collections. Any adult not in compliance with this provision may be asked to use other areas of the Library. If the individual does not comply with staff direction or repeatedly violates this policy, the individual may be banned from the Library, as outlined in the Conduct Policy.

**UNATTENDED CHILDREN AT CLOSING TIME:**

Unattended children up to the age of 18 must be picked up prior to closing time. If a child is left in the Library at closing time, staff will ensure a parent/guardian has been contacted. If a parent/guardian is unable to be reached, the police will be contacted. Library staff will not take the child home or anywhere away from the library site.