# KANKAKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9AM - 7PM Friday: 9AM - 6PM Saturday: 9AM-2PM

## **UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY**

### Children 0-12 years of age

Parents, guardians, and caregivers are responsible for the safety, behavior, and wellbeing of their children in the Library. Children age 12 and under may not be left unattended in the library unless they have consent of staff and are participating in a library-sponsored program (such program not to exceed one hour). Library staff cannot provide active supervision to children or ensure they leave the building with a responsible caregiver.

Unattended children or those left under the supervision of 13-17 year olds, will be identified by library staff and guardians will be contacted. If the problem continues after guardians are notified, or if guardians cannot be reached, authorities will first be contacted to pick up the children.

## Teens 13-17 years of age

Children age 13 or over are free to utilize the library's resources unattended, provided they demonstrate purposeful intent to use library resources, and that their behavior is not disruptive to other patrons or to staff members. Teens will be asked to leave the premises if their behavior does not meet staff's satisfaction. Teens (13-17) are not able to supervise minors under 13.

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