

# Harper Woods Public Library

## Supervision of Children Policy

For their own protection, very young children may not be left unattended in the Library. Responsibility for children using the library rests with the parent or assigned adult caregiver and the library staff is not responsible for providing supervision.

**Children seven (7) years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult who remains in the library to provide supervision. Children five (5) years of age or younger must have direct adult supervision within the Youth Department.**

Older children may use the library unattended for an amount of time appropriate to their age and maturity. It is recommended that unattended elementary school students eight (8) years or older spend no more than 2 hours in the library per day and that unattended middle school students spend no more than 4 hours in the library per day. The extent to which these time limit guidelines will be observed by staff will be based on the individual child's behavior.

A child or group of children who have been warned of disruptive behavior and/or excessive noise and continue to exhibit the behavior will be asked to leave the facility. Appropriate progressive discipline measures, including the loss of library use privileges, may be enforced for repeated occurrences.

**AFTER LIBRARY CLOSING:** Children who are not picked up by the time the library closes will be referred to the police station to wait for their ride.

*Adopted by the Library Board of Trustees, December 18, 2008*