

## **UNATTENDED CHILDREN** (rev. 6-20-05)

The Florham Park Library welcomes children to use its facilities and services. However, the responsibility for the care, safety and behavior of children using the library rests with the parent/guardian or caregiver. A parent/guardian or caregiver must accompany any child under the age of seven. Any child using the library must abide by the "Rules of Conduct for Libraries" (which is posted at the library entrance). A child who violates the Rules of Conduct will be informed of the rules by a staff member. If the inappropriate behavior continues, the child will be asked to leave the library. If an unattended child of any age would be placed in a "vulnerable position", i.e. his/her safety or well-being would be endangered if he/she would be sent out of the building, the staff will make an effort to contact the parent/guardian or caregiver to pick up the child. Examples of a "vulnerable position" may include the child being too young to be on his/her own, the child being left alone in the dark or serious inclement weather, or being alone outside the facility after business hours. If, after a reasonable search is conducted, the child's parent/guardian or caregiver cannot be located, the Florham Park Police Department will be called to assist in locating them. The library staff may not take responsibility for the care of any child. Under no circumstances should a staff member take the child out of the building or provide transportation.

The Library is not responsible for a minor's selection of library material. The Library believes it is the right and responsibility of a parent or guardian to determine what is appropriate for his or her own child. Therefore, parents are encouraged to accompany their child to select material or review the child's selection.