

## **SECTION VIII – PROCEDURES**

### **VII. UNATTENDED CHILD POLICY**

Children, their well being and safety are very important to the **Manteno Public Library**. We encourage families and youth to use our library. Children, as all library customers, are expected to behave appropriately. Parents, guardians, and caregivers, not library staff, are responsible for the behavior and supervision of their children in the library.

In the library, many customers must share common space and resources. Disruptive, rowdy, or unsafe behavior will not be permitted. Parental supervision of children helps to prevent accidents and injuries. Parents, guardians, and caregivers, who bring their children to the library, may not leave children alone or in the care of other children who are unable or unwilling to provide adequate care.

Adults who are using the Internet or other library services and programs must supervise and provide guidance and behavior control for minors accompanying them. At the discretion of the library staff and/or director, the library reserves the right to prohibit Internet use, and ask the adults and minor children to leave if the unacceptable behavior persists.

Library staff cannot prevent children from interacting with or leaving the library with persons who are not the appropriate chaperone. If the library is closing and a parent or guardian of a child cannot be located in the building, the Village of Manteno Police Department will be called. Under no circumstances shall a staff member drive a child home. The library is not responsible for any consequences of parents forfeiting their responsibilities.