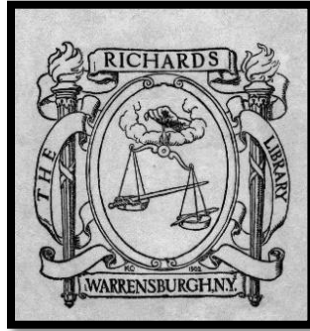


The Richards Library Policies



Unattended Children In The Library

The following are rules and regulations approved by The Board of Trustees of The Richards Library. These rules are effective April 19, 2018 and will be reviewed bi-annually.

The Richards Library is not responsible for the welfare of children who are left unattended in the library. Patrons are strongly urged to accompany their children, especially younger children 4 years old or younger, on their visits to the library.

We do not have the staff on hand to perform daycare, babysitting duties or operate as a “latch key” center for pre-teens and teens of any age.

The present Staff is engaged in entirely circulation, reference and other library related customer service duties. The Staff is not licensed to perform child care duties.

Parents are reminded that numerous unexpected events may occur while their children are in the library unattended: the child could wander out of the library on his/her own; be approached by untrustworthy individuals or be physically injured. The library is not responsible for the whereabouts of unattended minors. The child could be asked to leave if misbehaving or be stranded at closing time or during an unexpected closing. In this situation, if no parent or responsible adult is available or reachable by telephone, police will be requested for the safety of the child. Please also reference the library’s Code of Conduct policy.

Reference: NYS Social Service Law, Section 371, Subdivision 4-a.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of The Richards Library, 15 March 1994

Reviewed and approved on April 19, 2018