



## UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY

Crandall Public Library is a public building. In order to provide for the **general safety of children** using the Library, the general welfare of all persons using the Library, and to prevent disruption of library activities, the following rules are the policy of Crandall Public Library:

1. All children age eight (8) or younger shall, at all times, be attended and adequately supervised by a responsible person, e.g. an adult or mature adolescent no younger than eleven (11). Adequate supervision requires that the responsible person be in the same room with the child/children. In other words a child needs to be nine (9) to use the library by themselves.
2. Children over eight (8) years old may use the Library unattended, subject to the general rules set forth for all users of Crandall Public Library concerning conduct. In other words a child needs to be nine (9) to use the library by themselves.
3. Persons responsible for individuals with special needs, related to physical or mental ability, disruptive behavior, emotional problems, lack of adequate attention span, incomplete social skills, etc., shall remain with these individuals at all times, including during scheduled library programs.

Every reasonable effort will be made by Library staff to assist children in contacting the appropriate parent/guardian or caregiver if no one is present at closing time. If no responsible adult is reached, or the child is not picked up by closing, staff may notify the Glens Falls police.

Crandall Public Library assumes no responsibility for any child left unattended on library premises.