



## Chestatee Regional Library System

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Parent or Guardian  
FROM: Leslie Clark, Library Director  
SUBJECT: Unattended Children at the Library  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Chestatee Regional Library System encourages use by children and young people and is concerned for their safety. However, library service does not include accepting responsibility for unattended children in the library, children who leave a library building or grounds, or children who are waiting for rides after closing hours of the library.

Therefore, it is library policy that *“Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by a responsible adult while on library premises. The library will not be liable for the safety of unattended minors on library premises. Furthermore, all children are subject to library building rules and regulations. The library will not be responsible for children under 18 left on the premises after regular hours of operation. Parents should be aware of library hours, which are posted near the front entrance. If parents cannot be contacted at closing time, the appropriate Sheriff’s Department may be called to pick up the children until parents can be located.”*

Please respect the posted library hours and make arrangements for your children to be picked up before closing time.

**Dawson County Library hours** are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-2:30p.m.

**Lumpkin County Library hours** are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-2:30p.m.

Children and youth under 18 will not be left alone on library grounds waiting for rides. If a child is left at the library at closing time, staff has been authorized to wait no more than 15 minutes past closing before calling the Sheriff’s Department.

Thank you for helping us ensure the safety of our young library users.