

## **Kimball Library Supervised Visitation Policy**

The Kimball Library embraces our role in providing a safe, welcoming place of connection for the community in service of our mission:

The Kimball Library is dedicated to the common good by serving the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the Atkinson community and by encouraging its patrons in the lifelong pursuit of learning and personal growth.”

RSA 202A:1 establishes that the mission of a public library is to serve as a “valuable supplement to the formal system of free education.”

In keeping with our mission, supervised visitations are prohibited in the Kimball Library building and on its grounds. The public library has no legal obligation to serve as a visitation center. Libraries are not involved in child custody disputes. As we are not a party to any such case, no valid court order can require a visitation to be held at the Kimball Library.

The Library does not have the resources required by New Hampshire state protocols for supervised visitations nor is library staff able to replace or properly support the trained personnel required as part of visitation security and safety, or domestic abuse trauma.

Requests and concerns related to appropriate sites for supervised family visitation should be directed to the New Hampshire Court System, Division for Children, Youth and Families or to the organization working with your family.