

## Pease Public Library and Supervised Visitation

The Pease Public Library recognizes the role it plays in the community as a safe place to meet to support our mission to:

- Facilitate continued growth and learning throughout their lives
- Provide the information needed to answer their questions
- Teach skills related to finding, evaluating, and using information effectively
- Help meet their recreational and informational reading interests, through print/non-print materials and programs
- Provide space for meetings and informal gathering

Also, as stated in RSA 202A:1, the purpose of the public library is to serve as a “valuable supplement to the formal system of free public education”.

**The public library has no legal obligation to serve as a visitation center.** Public libraries are not involved in child custody disputes as we are not a party to any such cases, and thus no valid court order can be made to require visitations be held in public libraries.

The public library does not have the resources required by NH state protocols, and library staff cannot replace the trained personnel which are required as part of in visitation security and safety, or domestic abuse trauma.

All requests and concerns related to appropriate visitation sites for supervised family visitations should be made to the **NH Court System, Division for Children, Youth and Families or the organization** you and your family are working with.