

Unattended Children

While it is a part of the library's mission to maintain an environment that encourages reading and study, it is neither the library's purpose, nor a function of staff, to care for children in the absence of their parents, guardians or caregivers.

- Parents, guardians or adult caregivers are responsible for the conduct, safety and supervision of their children at all times while children are in the library and on library grounds. Children under the age of 9 must be under the direct supervision of their parent, guardian or adult caregiver, even when attending a staff-directed library program.
- Children are expected to comply with the library's Rules of Conduct. If the library is closing and the staff is unable to locate a parent, guardian or adult caregiver, library staff is authorized to call the police. Under no circumstances may a library staff member transport a child in his/her car.

Additionally, parents should be aware of the content of Connecticut General Statutes: Sec. 53-21a.

"Leaving child unsupervised in place of public accommodation or motor vehicle.

(a) Any parent, guardian or person having custody or control, or providing supervision, of any child under the age of twelve years who knowingly leaves such child unsupervised in a place of public accommodation or a motor vehicle for a period of time that presents a substantial risk to the child's health or safety, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor."

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