

Woodbridge Town Library Supervision of Children Policy

Service to children is an important part of the Library's mission and children are encouraged to use the Library. Parents or caregivers should be mindful that the Library is a public building open to all individuals and the Library is not responsible for children's safety.

1. Parents or caregivers are responsible at all times for the conduct of their children on Library premises. Children under the age of 12 may not be left in the Library unsupervised by a parent or caregiver. Connecticut State Law holds parents, or appointed caregivers, liable when children under the age of 12 years are left unattended in a public place (See Connecticut General Statutes, Section 53-21a).
 - a. While in the Library, including while children are attending programs, it may be necessary for a parent or childcare provider remain with their child.
2. All patrons are required to comply with Library policies. Patrons who are not using the Library appropriately will be given a warning and then may be asked to leave the Library.
3. Library staff members are not permitted to stay after hours with a child. If the Library is closing, including in cases of emergency and a child has been left unattended, and if the child's parents cannot be contacted, the Woodbridge police will be notified. Violation of this policy may result in exclusion from the Library and/or future programs.

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