

Unattended Children



The Welles-Turner Memorial Library encourages children of all ages to use and enjoy the facilities, programs and collections offered by the library. The library is responsible for providing a safe, comfortable environment for users of all ages. The library is not equipped and it is not the library's role to provide long- or short-term child care.

Regulations

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- ❖ Caregivers are responsible for the conduct and safety of their children in the library and on library premises. Caregivers must provide appropriate supervision based on the ages, the abilities and the levels of responsibility of their children.
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- ❖ Caregivers should be aware of library hours, bearing in mind that these times can and do change. Power failures, inclement weather and other emergencies may require unexpected closing of the library. Children left alone in the library or on library grounds could be vulnerable. Efforts will be made to contact the parents or guardians prior to closing. If a child is left at the library at the time of closing, the Glastonbury Police Department will be notified. Under no circumstances will a staff member take a child out of the building or transport children to another location.
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- ❖ Caregivers should be aware of the content of the **Connecticut General Statute 53-21a**, regarding child neglect and risk to minors. Copies are available in the library.
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- ❖ Children, like all other library users, are required to respect library property and act in a manner appropriate to use and function of the library. Children who are not using the library appropriately or who require excessive staff attention or supervision will be asked to leave the library.
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- ❖ Questions about this policy should be referred to the Library Director.
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- ❖ Copies of the policy are posted in the library and are available on the library's web site: wtmlib.info.