

Oliver Wolcott Library Policy on Unattended Children

The Oliver Wolcott Library encourages the use of the Library by children of all ages, parents, and adults.

It is not the Library's function or purpose to be a care center for unsupervised children.

In order to maintain a safe and orderly environment for Library use and to protect Library property, the following constitutes Library policy concerning the supervision of children:

1. Parents and guardians are responsible for the conduct of their children on Library premises at all times and must provide reasonable supervision of their children as is appropriate based on the age and level of responsibility of each child. It is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure that the child is of sufficient age and maturity to be left unattended at the Library.
2. Parents and guardians should be aware of Library opening and closing times and make suitable arrangements to meet and/or transport their children.
 - a. The Library is not responsible for the care and supervision of unaccompanied children.
 - b. If a child is unaccompanied in the Library 15 minutes before closing time, staff may assist the child in calling to arrange for transportation. The staff is not required to stay with a child after closing time. The Board of Trustees has authorized the staff to call the police if the parent or guardian fails to pick up the child.
 - c. Under no circumstances will a staff member transport children to any destination.
3. The Oliver Wolcott Library conforms to the [State Statutes Sec. 53-21a](#) relating to unattended children that are in effect at the date of this revision, and as it may be modified by the Connecticut General Assembly.

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