



Behavior and Supervision of Children

Reference to CT General Statutes: <https://casetext.com/statute/general-statutes-of-connecticut/title-53-crimes/chapter-939-offenses-against-the-person/section-53-21a-leaving-child-unsupervised-in-place-of-public-accommodation-or-motor-vehicle-failure-to-report-disappearance-of-a-child>

Service to children, parents, and adults working with children is an important part of the library's mission. In compliance with CT General Statutes Sec. 53-21a, and to maintain a safe proper environment for library users, the Ferguson Library has adopted the following policy designed to communicate its concern for the safety and welfare of the children it serves.

- Parents, guardians, and other caregivers are responsible for the conduct and safety of their children in the library and on its premises at all times. They must provide reasonable supervision, appropriate to the age and level of responsibility of each child.
- Staff members reserve the right to contact the police, social services, or other appropriate agency when an unattended child's health and safety (including emotional health) appears compromised or becomes an issue, or when there is disruptive behavior that is caused by or affects either the child in question or other library patrons.
- Children are expected to comply with the posted library Code of Conduct. Children who are not using the library appropriately or who require excessive staff attention or supervision will be required to leave. Police assistance may be requested when appropriate.

- The library is not responsible for care or supervision of children. For example, staff cannot keep track of or be responsible for a child's whereabouts while in the library, or whether a child leaves the library of their own accord.

Your attention to those guidelines will help us create and maintain a safe environment in which learning and reading can be encouraged.

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