

## **POLICY ON CHILDREN'S USE OF THE WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Children are welcome and encouraged to use appropriate facilities and services of the Library. Collections of children's books and materials, a variety of programs, and trained staff are available at the Main Library and the Faxon and Bishop's Corner Branches.

In order to maintain a safe, orderly, and proper environment for library usage and to protect library property, the following requirements are in effect:

- a) Parents and caregivers are responsible for the conduct of their children on library premises.
- b) Parents and caregivers must provide reasonable supervision of their children as is appropriate based on the age and level of responsibility of each child.
- c) Parents and caregivers must be aware of library opening and closing times and make suitable arrangements to meet and/or transport their children. The library cannot be responsible for the care and supervision of children prior to opening and after the library's closing.
- d) Children, like all other library patrons, are required to respect library property and to act in a manner appropriate to the use and function of the library. Older children may be asked to leave the library if their conduct is disruptive and/or inappropriate. In the case of younger children, an attempt will be made to resolve the problem with the child's parent or caregiver.

Approved by the West Hartford Library Board  
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