

West Hartford Public Library POLICY MANUAL

Title: Children's Use of the Library Policy

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The West Hartford Public Library is dedicated to providing a safe and welcoming environment for patrons of all ages.

The West Hartford Public Library encourages children to enjoy the facilities, programs and collections offered at the Noah Webster, Faxon Branch and Bishops Corner Branch Libraries.

Staff who are trained to work with children are available at each facility to assist children and parents. Staff select books and materials appropriate to children's interests and reading abilities. They also schedule programs and activities that are suitable for different ages and stages of development, which complement the library collection. (For more information see Reference and Information, Materials Selection and Program Policies.)

In order to maintain a safe and proper environment for library use and to protect library property, the following requirements will be upheld:

- Parents and caregivers are responsible for their child under the guidelines of the West Hartford Public Library's Vulnerable Child Policy.
- Children, like all other library patrons, are required to respect library property and to behave in a manner appropriate to the use and function of the library.