

Policy on Unattended Children

The Beekley Public Library encourages children of all ages to enjoy the facilities, programs and collections offered.

The Library is dedicated to providing a safe and comfortable environment for users of all ages. For the safety and comfort of children, a responsible caregiver must accompany children while they are using the Library. Caregivers must provide appropriate supervision based upon the ages, abilities and levels of responsibility of their children. Children must adhere to the acceptable and unacceptable behaviors listed in our Library Behavior Policy.

The safety of children left alone in a library building is a serious concern. If children are found to be unattended by a caregiver, the Library staff will attempt to locate that person within the building. If this is unsuccessful, the police department will be contacted.

If, at closing time, children under the age of twelve are found to be without a caregiver present, library staff will attempt to locate the person responsible for the child. If no one is located, the police department will be contacted.

Under no circumstance will staff leave the premises with an unattended child.

The Library is not responsible for minors outside the building who await transportation or who are socializing.

Caregivers should be aware of the content of the Connecticut General Statute 939, section 53-21a. regarding “leaving a child unsupervised in a place of public accommodation,” upon which this policy is based.

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