

## Unattended or Disruptive Children Policy

The West Nyack Free Library welcomes children to use its facilities. However, the responsibility for children under the age of 18 using the library rests with the parent, guardian or assigned chaperone, not with library personnel.

Parents need to be aware that the public library as an institution does not have legal “provision of care” responsibilities.

For the protection and well-being of children enjoying the library building and grounds, the following policy has been established:

- Children aged 12 or below must be accompanied and supervised by an adult or teenager in 9th grade or up
- Responsible parties must remain in the building while a child below 12 is attending a program
- Disruptive children will be asked to leave the library building and grounds and may have their library privileges and their access to the building and grounds suspended or revoked
- Library staff cannot provide food, transportation or money to children
- Library telephones are not available for personal use except in emergencies
- Library staff cannot take responsibility for a child in the case of medical emergency
- If an unaccompanied child is at the library at closing time the police will be contacted.

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