

Saxton B. Little Free Library

Unaccompanied Children Policy

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Connecticut General Statute Sec. 53-21a. Leaving child unsupervised in place of public accommodation or motor vehicle. Failure to report disappearance of a child. (a) Any parent, guardian or person having custody or control, or providing supervision, of any child under the age of twelve years who knowingly leaves such child unsupervised in a place of public accommodation or a motor vehicle for a period of time that presents a substantial risk to the child's health or safety, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

SBL welcomes and encourages children of all ages to use our collections, facilities, and services. We ask that visitors to the library respect the following:

- Responsibility for and supervision of children using the library rests solely with the child's parent or guardian.
- Children under the age of twelve (12) must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Children of all ages (supervised or unsupervised), teens, and adults are expected to respect library property, patrons, and staff and must follow the library's Behavior Policy.
- Parents and guardians should be mindful that the library is a public building open to all individuals.
- Parents and guardians should be aware of the Library's opening and closing times and must make arrangements to meet and transport children ages twelve (12) and older who have been left unaccompanied at the Library.
- Children remaining at the Library at closing time will be directed to call their parents or guardian. Police may be called if the parent has not come for the child by closing time.
- Under no circumstance should a staff member transport children home or to any other destination.

Saxton B. Little Free Library reserves the right to change these policies at any time.

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