



**City of Winooski**  
Vermont's Opportunity City

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## **Child Safety Policy**

### **Winooski Memorial Library**

The Winooski Memorial Library welcomes the use of its services and facilities by children. Staff are committed to maintaining a welcoming, safe, and inclusive space that enriches lives, inspires curiosity, and supports lifelong learning among all members of the community.

#### **Appropriate Supervision**

- Children 10 and younger are welcome to use the library under the direct supervision (within sight and hearing distance) of a parent, guardian, or caregiver.
- Caregivers must be 16 or older.
- Caregivers are responsible for the supervision, safety, and behavior of the children in their care.
- Parents or guardians are ultimately responsible for the actions of their children in the library, whether or not the parent or guardian is present, and are accountable for any disturbance or damage done to the library and/or library materials by children under their care.
- The library does not provide child or emergency care services for unattended children.

#### **Disruptive Behavior**

Per the library's Code of Conduct Policy, disruptive behavior and/or behavior that disturbs patrons and staff, damages library property, interferes with library services, or endangers the well-being of others is not permitted. Disruptive children, attended or unattended, may be asked to leave the library and their behavior may result in suspension or loss of library privileges.

#### **Unattended Children at Closing**

If the parent, caregiver, or guardian of an unattended child cannot be located within 15 minutes after closing time, library staff shall contact law enforcement and report that a child has been left alone. Two staff members will wait with the child in the library or on library property until law enforcement arrive. Under no circumstances will staff ever provide transportation or accompany a child home.