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### **John C. Hart Memorial Library Unattended or Disruptive Children Policy**

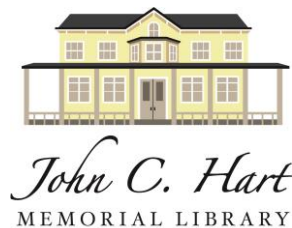
The John C. Hart Memorial Library welcomes children to use its facilities for customary library activities. However, responsibility for children using the library rests with the parent, guardian, or assigned chaperone, not with the library personnel.

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, the following policy has been established:

- Children 10 years of age or younger must be accompanied and supervised by an adult or a teenager (16 years or older).
- Responsible parties must remain in the building while a child 10 years of age or younger is attending a program.
- Disruptive young people will be asked to leave the library.
- Library staff cannot provide food, transportation, or money to children.
- Library staff cannot take legal responsibility for a child in the case of a medical emergency.
- If an unaccompanied child is in the library at closing time, **a minimum of two staff members must stay with the child for a minimum of 20 minutes.** After that time, the staff members shall call the police and must wait with the child until the police arrive.

This policy was revised and adopted by the Library Board of Trustees on **January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**



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### **John C. Hart Memorial Library Stranded Adult Patron Policy**

The John C. Hart Memorial Library welcomes patrons of all ages to use its facilities for customary library activities. However, any patron who is left without a way home and is essentially stranded at the library will be attended by at least two staff members as outlined below. Be aware that the public library as an institution does not have legal “provision of care” responsibilities.

For the protection and well-being of all those enjoying the library, the following policy has been established:

- Library staff cannot provide food, transportation, or money to patrons.
- Library staff cannot take legal responsibility for a patron in the case of a medical emergency.
- If a stranded patron is in the library or on the library grounds at closing time, **a minimum of two staff members must stay with the patron for a minimum of 20 minutes.** After that time, the staff members shall call the police and must wait with the patron until the police arrive.

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