ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHILDREN IN THE LIBRARY

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The Orange Public Library provides children and families an inviting and fun place to visit, to develop a love of books, reading and libraries.

To help achieve that goal, disruptive and inappropriate behavior by library users of any age, including children, may result in that person being asked to leave the building on a short-term or long-term basis.

Disruptive and inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Disturbing other library users
- Eating in the library
- Misuse of computers
- Talking excessively or loudly (including on your cell phone)
- Smoking
- Using abusive language
- Restricting others' use of the library
- Rowdiness, disorderly conduct, fighting, running or vandalism
- Disregard for other library policies

It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to ensure their child's safety, welfare and behavior while in the library. Library staff members are not responsible for the direct supervision, safety, or welfare of any child.

While in the library the following rules & guidelines apply:

- Children age 12 or younger must be accompanied and supervised by an adult (age 18 or older) and the adult must remain in the building with their child at all times. Children age 12 or younger that are left alone in the library will be asked to call a parent to pick them up immediately.
- Children age 7 or younger must not be left unattended anywhere within the library, including while on the computers. Children ages 8-12 may be in a different area of the library than their supervising adult, as long as the adult remains in the building at all times.
- The Orange Police Department may be called to handle disruptive minors, inappropriate or threatening behavior, or to assist with unattended children, particularly after library service hours.
- Staff will call 9-1-1 for assistance in all medical emergency cases.
- Library staff may not take a child away from the library for any reason.
- All children who visit the library with organized groups (including, but not limited to: school or preschool classes, day care groups, camp groups, Scouts, etc.) must be accompanied and adequately supervised by a responsible adult (other than library staff) to ensure their safety, welfare, and appropriate behavior while in the library.