

# UNATTENDED / DISRUPTIVE CHILD POLICY

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## Disruptive Children

Disruptive Behavior is considered to be behavior that represents physical danger to the child or others, or behavior that interferes with other library users or staff. Disruptive behavior is behavior that is inappropriate in a library setting. Disruptive behavior that is unacceptable in the Library includes, but is not limited to:

- Running, chasing, horseplay
- Screaming, shouting, yelling, loud laughing or other noise
- Eating or drinking
- Abusive or excessive uses of the courtesy phone for calls other than to parents or guardians.
- Abnormal, erratic behavior that hinders normal library use
- Continued or frequent loud talking in study areas
- Pushing, hitting, fighting, biting
- Throwing books or other objects
- Prolonged crying or temper tantrums
- Bullying or bothering other people
- Jumping on furniture
- Not silencing electronic devices including cell phones
- Talking on cell phones inside library
- Writing on walls or vandalizing property of VRPL
- Abusing library material (ripping pages, bending backs, writing on books, etc.)

Library staff will approach disruptive children in the following manner:

Give a verbal warning to the child indicating that such behavior is disruptive to other library users and is unacceptable.

If the disruptive behavior continues, approach the parent or guardian with the same warning. If the child is unattended, give the child a second warning.

If the disruptive behavior continues, request the parent or guardian to escort the child from the library premises.

Unattended disruptive children, 10 year and older, may be asked to leave the library after one warning. In such instances, parents will be contacted or, if the parent is unavailable, police assistance will be utilized.

