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A. LIBRARY USER POLICIES

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

b. DISRUPTIVE AND UNATTENDED CHILDREN @ CORONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Corona Public Library welcomes and supports all <u>childrenpeople</u> in the enjoyment of reading and pursuit of interests and information through books, technology, programs, and other resources. <u>Library staff are here to support children; This includes</u> is not to be responsible for children who are left unattended the guaranter of the safety of the children who use our<u>at our</u> facilities. Our facilities are open to the public, a situation which can present risks to children. The safety and security of the children are the responsibility of the parent, <u>guardian</u>, and/-or_-adult-caregiver.

<u>Unattended Cohildren are children of any age who apparently unaccompanied by</u> <u>a parent, guardian, and/or responsible caregiver in the Library. Parents,</u> <u>guardians, and/or caregivers are solely responsible for the safety and behavior of</u> <u>their children.</u> <u>should be under the supervision of a person who assumes</u> <u>responsibility for him or her</u>

Children, as with all Library users, are expected to follow the Library Rules of Conduct (XXXXX). If they do not, children are also subject to the same Suspension Policy and Procedures as all Library Users (XXXXX). These consequences included being asked to leave the Library premises.

Parents, guardians, and/or caregivers must inform themselves as to Library hours of operation. The Library's schedule will vary occasionally and will sometimes close unexpectedly due to emergency or safety issues. It is the Formatted: Indent: Left: 0"

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responsibility of the parent, guardian, and/or caregiver to let their children know what they should do if they must leave the Library.

Library staff may call the Corona Police Department if a child is left unattended when the library is closing or if the child appears to be at risk.

Parents or adult caregivers should monitor all activities and behavior of their children while they are in the library. When a child is unattended or under-attended/ignored and the behavior of the child is disruptive or inappropriate (or)

the child appears to be a danger to herself or himself or others (or)

the child appears to be threatened by others (or)

the child appears to be ill or upset (or)

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- the child has not been met by a parent or caregiver at closing.

_Library staff will attempt to contact the parent or guardian of the child. In the event that the parent or guardian cannot be located, staff will contact the Corona Police Department. In the event of an emergency, staff will call 911.

In the event an emergency forces the immediate closing of the library, children should know what procedure to follow as determined by their parents or adult caregivers.

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Date of Board Approval

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