

South Branch J Room Behavior Expectations

The following are specific issues we have had with unattended children after school. Please review these expectations with your child and sign below.

- 1) **Please keep the volume down.** As in most libraries, the atmosphere is intended to be peaceful. The J (Junior) room is in a corner away from the rest of the library, but we find that the noise level escalates to an extreme level. Staff have repeatedly asked the kids to not shout and scream. Even with a slide in the room, children of this age know the difference between yelling and talking.
- 2) **No running.** This means no running in the hall, up and down the stairs, or *anywhere* in the building. This includes playing "Hide & Seek" or "Tag".
- 3) **Share the computers.** We have 3 computers in the J room. Children are required to sign up at the circulation desk. The children helped determine that a 20-minute limit was appropriate. Please ask your child to respect this time limit and share.
- 4) **Keep pathways clear of backpacks and clothing items.**
- 5) **No climbing on furniture, window sills or play equipment.**
- 6) **Be respectful of other patrons.** The J (Junior) room is designated for elementary aged children. The E (Easy) room is intended for preschoolers and toddlers. We are lenient in allowing the elementary kids to use the computers in the E room; however, this is at the discretion of the staff. If there are small children in the E room, we may not allow the older kids to use the computers. Also, elementary-aged children are not allowed on the play set in the E room. This includes climbing on top of it or sitting on it.
- 7) **Be respectful to library staff and other patrons.** We want the library to be a safe and enjoyable place. If your child is here unsupervised, we expect them to behave and adhere to these rules. If your child is disrespectful to the staff after being reprimanded for misbehavior, we will contact the parent and determine if the child needs parental supervision on subsequent visits.
- 8) **No food is allowed in the library. Clean up your mess.**

Please read, sign, and return to the library:

Date: _____

I have read and reviewed with my child(ren) _____
(Child's first and last name)

the expectations of behavior while at the library without supervision.

Parent Name (Printed)

Parent Signature

Please provide contact information where you can be reached when your child is at the library:

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____