

**Dorothy Hull Library
Windsor Charter Township**

Children and the Library

The Dorothy Hull Library welcomes young children and teens to discover its resources and explore the world of knowledge offered by the library. This includes creating welcoming spaces, as possible, within the library for children to relax while enjoying its resources. It also includes offering programs for children and teens. Library staff are to aid children and their parents/caregivers in understanding the library, its resources and what it has to offer children and teens.

When children visit the library it is expected that their behaviors are respectful of others and library property. Library staff, when needed, are to offer positive suggestions to children and their parents/caregivers on how best to interact in a library setting. This includes helping parents and caregivers understand their responsibility to supervise young children to ensure the children will have a pleasant experience when visiting the library.

Children under the age of eight are to always be supervised by a parent or other caregiver who is over the age of 14 years. Young children under eight years of age are not to be left unattended when in the library. This includes times when a child is attending a library sponsored program, such as a story hour, etc.

A Public Library, as an institution, does not have the legal authority to care for children. Therefore, Library staff are not to be expected to perform this function.

A child demonstrating behaviors such as running, roughhousing, fighting, throwing things, damaging library property, etc. are to be taken outside or redirected to engage in more appropriate behavior by their parent or caregivers. If this does not occur, library staff may ask the parent or caregiver to leave the library with the child and to return at a later time when the child is doing better. The Library Director may suspend or revoke the child's library privileges if the disruptive behavior continues. A parent or the child's legal guardian have the right to submit a written request to the Library Board to have any sanction imposed removed.

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