

## **Children in the Library**

The Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) Library provides a mature learning and studying environment for the purpose of academic research and support of the WCJC's curriculum.

Children under the age of 14 are welcome within the WCJC Library, but must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure that the child does not disturb others during their visit.

Please note the following:

- This policy pertains to minors not enrolled in WCJC classes or college-sponsored programs
- Parents or guardians must monitor all activity and behavior of their children while they are in the library. The library reserves the right to ask the parent or guardian of a child exhibiting disruptive behavior to leave with the child. Parents or guardians accept all responsibility for any damage to property or act of vandalism done by the child.
- Children cannot be monitored and supervised by the library staff; therefore, campus security will be promptly notified if any child is found unattended.

The resources and facilities of the WCJC Library are intended for use by primarily WCJC students, faculty, staff, and community residents. Anyone age 14 years and over is welcome to visit the library for the purpose of academic research, but children under age 14 are not permitted to use library equipment including copiers, microfilm reader/scanner, printers, TV, and DVD/VHS players.

Children aged 10 and older may only use the library's computers under direct parental supervision when computers are available. Additionally, children using the library's computers must comply with *WCJC Libraries Internet and Computer Guidelines* at

[http://www.wcjc.edu/Students/Library/Library-Information/WCJC\\_LIBRARY-Internet-Computer\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.wcjc.edu/Students/Library/Library-Information/WCJC_LIBRARY-Internet-Computer_Policy.pdf).

Parents or guardians are required to closely monitor their children to ensure that these policies are adhered to. Again, parents and guardians are responsible for any property damage or act of vandalism done by the child.

Anyone who engages in inappropriate activity or disruptive behavior, or who fails to follow the instructions of WCJC Library staff will be asked to leave the library.

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