**Children Alone in the Library: Guidelines for Parents and Staff**

Young Children:

The Burkburnett Library encourages visits by young children and it is our desire to make this important visit both memorable and enjoyable for the child. Library staff is not expected to assume responsibility for the car of unsupervised children in the Library. Therefore, it is library policy that all children under **10 years of age** must be accompanied and supervised at all times by a parent or designated responsible person while in the library. Also, if the young child is attending a library program, we require the parent/responsible person to remain in the library throughout the program.

Disruptive Children:

Children of all ages are encouraged to use the library form homework, recreational reading, and program attendance. The library staff realizes that the library will be noisier at busy times and that children by nature can cause more commotion. However, children (whether with parents or not) who are being continually disruptive will be given a warning and then he/she will be asked to leave the library. If the child needs to contact a parent, they may do so and then wait with a staff person until the parent arrives.