Infant & Child Policy

Overview: The Infant & Child Policy exists as a guide for protecting the safety of minors and maintaining an environment in the University Library that is consistent with meeting the mission of the University.

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A. Definitions.

Infant: Any persons under the age of 2

Child: Any persons in the age range of 2-13

Unattended: Out of direct care of a guardian adult

B. Policy.

Infants and Children are welcome to join their parents or an adult guardian so long as they adhere to the same noise and conduct standards that are outlined in other University Library policies.

C. Process/Procedure.

- Children under the age of 13 should not be left unattended under any circumstance. Regent Campus Police may be contacted if any child is found left unattended.

- Children are expected to adhere to all the policies of the University Library, including noise and food policies.

- Infants are permitted under direct care of a parent or guardian so long as they do not disrupt the studious environment. This includes noise level, distraction, and eating/drinking at computer work stations.

- Patrons who feel they are being disturbed by any other guest, whether infant, child or adult, are encouraged to tell library staff.

- Out of respect for patrons in the University Library, complaints about distractions caused by infants and/or children are taken seriously. Library staff may request that an infant or child be removed from the library if
he/she feels the infant or child is distracting other patrons. A complaint does not need to be made for library staff to make a request.

- Patrons must abide by the requests of any library staff.

D. **Contact Information.**

Further questions/concerns may be directed to the Head of Access Services.

E. **Forms.**

Comment or Suggestion Form

*This policy was reviewed and approved by the university librarians on January 30th, 2013.*