



## Story Time Etiquette

*Library story times are often a child's first "live performance" experience. Attending a story time is different than watching TV or going to a movie. Certain behaviors must be practiced for the story time to be positive and an effective experience for the children attending. Parents and caregivers are the role models to our children and the children are the audience. With this point in mind, we request that parents and caregivers follow these important procedures to ensure a wonderful story time adventure.*

- **Please discuss proper behavior with your child before you come to the library program so that they know what is expected of them.**
- **Children under the age of 5 years should sit with a parent or caregiver in order to be taught to focus and sit still. Older children need to be role models for the younger children.**
  - **Please be on time. Allow extra time for book browsing, bathroom visits and quiet play time.**
- **Please do not bring snacks, drinks or toys that may be disruptive (cups with spill proof lids are acceptable)**
  - **If the child in your care becomes disruptive, please remove them from the story time area until they are comfortable and ready to listen.**
- **Adults model good library behavior for the children by being attentive and participating. (The story time is for the children and we need to make it fun and enjoyable for them)**
- **Please remember that cell phone usage is not allowed in the library. Please turn your ringers down or off. If you do receive a call, you can step outside to take the call. (We will not hesitate to ask someone to turn their phones off)**
- **Some story times will have crafts following the story. We ask that you participate and assist your child with glue, scissors, etc. and model clean-up behavior.**
- **Communicating with other adults during the story time is not acceptable. If we are to teach our children to be quiet while a programming is going on, then we must restrain from chatting during the process.**
  - **If you feel your child is not enjoying the program, then you can leave; however, do so in a quiet and non disruptive manner.**



