



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item No. 8

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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TITLE: Children in the Library Policy (NBPL 4)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Board of Library Trustees review and approve amendments to Library Policy NBPL 4, *Children in the Library Policy*.

DISCUSSION:

Library Policy NBPL 4, *Children in the Library Policy* (Policy) outlines appropriate behavior for both staff and patrons within the children's areas of the libraries as well as expectations for children's conduct throughout all library spaces. The Board of Library Trustees last reviewed the Policy in June 2023, and Library staff believe the Policy, as amended in June 2023, continues to serve as an effective guide for delivering children's services to the community. Staff recommends minor changes to the Policy for improved clarity, organization, and reduced redundancy. The revisions also provide further guidance on children's programming expectations as well as defines "unattended."

NOTICING:

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the Board of Library Trustees considers the item).

ATTACHMENT A: NBPL 4, *Children in the Library* (original)
ATTACHMENT B: NBPL 4, *Children in the Library* (red-lined)
ATTACHMENT C: NBPL 4, *Children in the Library* (final)