

Patron Behavior Policy

In order for library users and staff have a clean, pleasant, and safe environment, patrons are expected to behave with consideration and respect for other patrons, library staff, and library property.

Patrons' activities or behaviors must not interfere with others' use of the library, or with the ability of staff to perform their duties.

Library users are welcome to:

- Use our materials gently. Take them home to enjoy by using your library card.
- Read, study, and spend time at the library.
- Speak in conversational tones.
- Ask the library staff if you have questions or for assistance.

Children: Parents and guardians are encouraged to be involved in their children's selections and to model and teach appropriate library behavior. Patrons are responsible for the material selection choice, safety, and behavior of children or dependents in their care.

Disruptive behavior is not permitted and may result in suspension of library privileges.

Noise: Loud, disrespectful, or inappropriate language or behavior is considered disruptive. Headphones must be used with computers and other devices when the sound is on so as not to disturb others.

Phones: Cell phone conversations should be quiet, limited in duration, and conducted in the foyers if not outside of the library. The library phone is for staff use only.

Shared space: Monopolization or blocking of library space, shelves, aisles, exits, etc. interferes with others' use of the library. Furniture should be left where it is.

Pets: Animals certified to assist people with disabilities are permitted. Other animals should not be brought into the library.

Food and drink: Library patrons are asked to limit food and drink to small and tidy snacks and covered drinks. Patrons are encouraged to eat at the table downstairs by the elevator rather than in other areas of the library. Food and drink is not permitted near the computers.

Intoxicating substances: Possessing, consuming, or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or illegal drugs is not permitted in the library or on library grounds.

Smells: Patrons should not give off pervasive odors. This includes any odor that creates a nuisance to other patrons or staff, such as food odors or pervasive fragrances caused by perfume or other scented products.

Public displays of affection, sexual misconduct, or harassment: are not appropriate in the library.

Petitioning or solicitation: are not appropriate in the library.

Procedure for noncompliance with library protocol:

Patrons will be addressed one time regarding the above rules. If patrons refuse to comply, they will be asked to leave the building. Refusal to leave when requested will result in a call to the police department.

In the case of juveniles, parents will be called prior to calling the police. If a parent cannot be reached, the police will be called. Juveniles will not be allowed to use the library again until a behavior agreement has been reached with the juvenile and his/her parents.

Continued or repeated infractions may result in suspension of library privileges.

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