
Library Behavior Policy

1. The objective of this policy is to establish, in writing, clear and concise rules of acceptable behavior in the library in order to protect the library's users, volunteers and staff as well as the library's building, furnishings, materials and equipment.
2. This Library Behavior Policy applies to all patrons and is non-discriminatory with regard to age, race, creed, economic or social class, gender, physical ability, religion, or sexual orientation.
3. This Library Behavior Policy does not in any way deny or limit a patron's right to read, view or receive any written, audio, visual or technical information.
4. Library users are expected to be considerate and courteous to others using the library.
5. Parents and guardians are responsible for the behavior and well-being of all minors. Parents will be notified in the event of a problem.
6. The library is not responsible for preventing children from leaving the library or its grounds.
7. Patrons with mental, physical, or emotional needs which render supervision necessary must be accompanied by a suitable caregiver at all times, regardless of age
8. Food and drinks in a covered container are allowed in the library at the discretion of the staff.
9. This Library Behavior Policy prohibits the following within the library or on library grounds:
 - a. Abandoning children, or leaving children below the age of eight unattended
 - b. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by someone over the age of fourteen
 - c. Abuse, vandalism or defacing of library facilities, equipment or materials
 - d. Physical, sexual or verbal harassment, or discriminatory or indecent behavior, in any form, that is offensive to others
 - e. Interfering with another's use of the library
 - f. Clothing or accessories with offensive language, logos, or pictures
 - g. Intoxication
 - h. Obscene language or activity
 - i. Illegal activities
 - j. Excessive noise such as loud talking or playing of audio equipment
 - k. Cell phone use inside the library
 - l. Misuse of restrooms
 - m. Possession or consumption of alcohol except at authorized library functions
 - n. Possession or consumption of illegal drugs, narcotics, or controlled substances
 - o. Consumption of tobacco products or vaping
 - p. Possession of unlawful weapons
 - q. Sleeping
 - r. Loitering
 - s. Littering

- t. Soliciting
 - u. Exhibiting poor personal hygiene, including pervasive odors which are offensive to others
 - v. Service animals that are exhibiting inappropriate behavior
 - w. Skateboarding, rollerblading, bike riding, or scooter riding on library property, except for the purpose of transportation
 - x. Using library computers in a manner prohibited by the Internet Access Policy
10. Library users disobeying rules will be asked once to modify their behavior. Upon failure to do so, they will be asked to leave the library facility. Police will be called if there is non-compliance or if staff feels unable to handle the situation or feels threatened. When criminal actions are committed, the library will prosecute to the full extent of the law.

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