

Rules of Behavior

The purpose of the Rules of Behavior is to maintain a safe and pleasant environment for all library patrons. It also ensures access to library facilities, safety of users and staff, and protection of the library collection, equipment, and facility. Patrons have the responsibility to use the library in a manner that does not interfere with the rights of other individuals to use library materials, resources, and services and in a manner that does not limit the ability of Library Staff to conduct library business.

Expectations

Behavior expected of all library patrons includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Respect for other patrons and staff

Careful use of library materials

Ensuring other patrons' access to the library and its materials

Prohibited Conduct

- Prohibited conduct includes any illegal activity and may include, but is not limited to, the following:
- Running
- Yelling
- Verbally abusing a staff member or patron
- Cursing
- Violence of any kind
- Vandalism
- Theft of property
- Campaigning, petitioning, interviewing, survey taking, soliciting, posting notices, fundraising, or selling, unless authorized by the Director or his/her Designee.
- Bringing animals into the library, except service animals, unless authorized by the Director.
- Using a cell phone, pager, audio player or other electronic device in a manner that disrupts library patrons or staff operations.
- Failing to exit the building or failure to leave as directed by Library Staff.

Consequences

Failure to comply with the Rules of Behavior may result in any of the following:

- Being asked to leave the library.
- Local law enforcement officers being called.
- Loss of library privileges. *

Appeals*

Appeals may be made at any regularly scheduled Library Board Meeting. The Library Board Chairman or Library Director must receive a written letter of appeal at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. A parent or legal guardian must appeal a loss of privileges for a minor.