

BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Library is designed to be a safe and comfortable place for all members of the public to use. The Behavior Policy is intended to protect the rights and safety of Library patrons and staff and to preserve and protect the Library's materials, facilities, and property.

Any behavior that disrupts library use or interferes with a pleasant and safe environment for the public and/or the staff is considered "problem" behavior.

WHILE AT THE LIBRARY:

You may:

- Look for and retrieve materials
- Use Wi-Fi or one of our computers
- Ask library staff for assistance
- Read
- Do homework
- Research topics
- Work on puzzles or color/draw
- Visit quietly with others

You may not:

- Shout, harass, use abusive or offensive language, or be disrespectful or offensive to others
- Eat food
- Drink beverages without a lid
- Smoke (including e-cigarettes) or chew tobacco
- Write in newspapers or books
- Mistreat or abuse Library property, computers, or equipment
- Fight, push, or show any kind of inappropriate gesture or physical contact or display that is either unlawful or offensive to others
- Run, skateboard, or roller blade
- Be without shoes or shirt

The following may not be brought into the Library:

- Bicycles (skateboards may be carried)
- Animals except for service dogs (emotional support animals are not service dogs)

The following are examples of other behaviors that are not permitted in the library (this is not an exhaustive list):

- Excessive noise, including the use of sound equipment without headphones or at a loud enough volume to annoy other customers
- Consuming alcoholic beverages
- Using computers in a way that violates the Library's Electronic Resources Policy
- Child abuse, abandonment, or neglect of children
- Using harassment, threats, or stalking
- Abuse (verbal or physical) of library users or staff
- Gambling
- Loitering, sleeping, soliciting, or begging
- Theft
- Abuse or vandalism of facilities, equipment, or materials
- Littering
- Inappropriate dress: i.e., no shirt, no shoes
- Distributing pamphlets or fliers within the Library building unless such distributors have been approved in advance by the Library *and* allow Library users to approach the fliers exclusively (i.e., distributors may *not* approach library users)
- Carrying or displaying signs, posters or placards within Library premises without prior permission
- Actions that will block access or egress to Library premises or create safety hazards

Library standards of acceptable behavior apply to all customers. Noncompliance may result in the customer being asked to leave the premises. The Library has the right to regulate behavior as it relates to the function of the Library.

UNATTENDED AND DISRUPTIVE CHILDREN

Young people are expected to comply with all behavior policies whether alone or accompanied by an adult.

Parents may not leave children under age ten unattended in the library for periods longer than one hour.

Parents are responsible for their children's behavior while in the library. Disruptive children ten and older will be asked to leave after receiving one warning. For children ten and under who are being disruptive, a staff member will inform the parents that their child is disturbing others. If the parents refuse or are unable to control the child, the family will be asked to leave.