

PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY

A public library is a place for activities such as individual reading, research, computer use and study; thus an individual's behavior in the library should be consistent with normal library usage. Patrons engaged in activities not associated with the use of a public library may be required to leave the building.

The following behaviors and activities are prohibited:

- Use of tobacco or alcohol
- Skateboarding, rollerblading, or roller skating
- Illegal activity, including sexual harassment or carrying anything that could be construed as a weapon
- Eating or drinking food or beverages which have not been approved by the Director
- Loud or disruptive behavior
- Bullying or harassment of library staff or patrons
- Damaging or destroying, or unlawfully removing library materials or property
- Improper or inadequate attire (shoes and shirt are required)
- Offensive personal hygiene
- Using library restrooms or other areas for inappropriate purposes (such as bathing)
- Bringing animals into the Library except those allowed by ADA regulations or those brought in for programming or with permission of the Library Director.
- Sleeping
- Littering
- Soliciting, petitioning or distributing literature, except as permitted by the Director
- Using offensive language
- Inappropriate use of cell phones within the Library, including talking in a loud or disruptive manner, and/or at the circulation desk. Patrons are expected to set their phones to vibrate or "silent" mode while in the library.

Patrons who engage in these and other inappropriate behaviors will be asked to stop the behavior. If the behavior persists, Library staff may ask the individual(s) to leave the library. In the case of an immediate threat, Library staff may contact police without prior warning to the patron. Any patron who repeatedly violates these or other rules and regulations may be denied the privilege of access to the Library by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the Library Director. A patron whose privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by the Board of Trustees within 90 days of the revocation of privileges.