

### **Patron Behavior Policy**

The library is for everyone. The library is a place for everyone to enjoy, get information, read, study, use the public access computers and wifi and other resources the library has to offer. To provide a pleasant environment for everyone using the library the following standards of behavior have been adopted. No conduct which interferes with, or discourages the public's use of the library, will be permitted.

Section 51-212 of the Nebraska Statutes specifically gives libraries the power to regulate the use of the library and to exclude from the library persons who violate or refuse to comply with the library's rules and regulations.

Library patrons are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which shows respect to other patrons and to staff. Disruptive behavior which disturbs others or destroys property will not be tolerated. To provide a pleasant atmosphere within the library for everyone, the following guidelines for behavior have been adopted. These behaviors include but are not limited to the following:

- Failing to comply with a reasonable staff request, subject to staff discretion.
- Interfering with the right of others to use the library or disturb other library patrons. This includes inappropriate language or behavior, making threats of any kind or destroying property.
- Running or other playground behavior in the library.
- Loud voices above a conversational level.
- Use of profanity.
- Crude, suggestive or inappropriate gestures. Public displays of affection, (PDA)
- Bullying, racist comments, or threatening comments or actions.
- Cell phones and computer volumes at a disruptive volume.
- Blocking entrances or sidewalks. Bike racks are available and should be used.
- Littering.
- Shoes and shirts are required. Swimwear must be covered appropriately.
- Smoking or use of any tobacco products including e-cigarettes.
- Food consumption and uncovered beverages are only allowed in designated areas of the library as approved by library staff.
- Children under the age of seven unsupervised at the library. Younger children must be supervised by a person 13 or older.
- No moving items or displays or climbing on furniture.
- No laying on the furniture or floor.
- Taking pictures or videos of library patrons or staff without their permission. In the case of a minor, permission must come from the parent or legal guardian.

Up to two verbal warnings may be given by the staff for inappropriate behavior. If a third warning is needed then you will be asked to leave the library for the day. However, certain behaviors may result in immediate suspension and you may not be allowed back in the library for a longer period of time. Theft or vandalism of library property and/or verbal or physical abuse of library staff or patrons may result in permanent suspension of library privileges.