



Code of Behavior

In order to maintain a comfortable and safe environment for all visitors, the James Blackstone Memorial Library has established a policy governing behavior when visiting the library.

Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Committing or attempting to commit any activity that would constitute a violation of any federal, state or local criminal statute or ordinance.
2. Directing a specific threat of physical harm against an individual, group of individuals or property.
3. Engaging in any sexual activity.
4. Being under the influence of any controlled substance or intoxicating liquor.
5. Possessing, selling, distributing or consuming any alcoholic beverage, except as allowed at a library-sponsored event.
6. Engaging in conduct that disrupts or interferes with the normal operation of the library, or disturbs library staff or patrons, including abusive or threatening language or gestures and unreasonable noise.
7. Using library materials, equipment, furniture, fixtures or buildings in a manner inconsistent with the customary use thereof; or in a destructive, abusive or potentially damaging manner.
8. Disobeying the direction of a library staff member.
9. Soliciting, petitioning, or distributing written materials or canvassing for political, charitable or religious purposes inside the library building or on library grounds. Requests for donations, including receptacles for donations, requests for monetary or other personal assistance.
10. Leaving personal property unattended as staff is not responsible for guarding or watching personal items and the library is not responsible for theft.
11. Bringing bicycles or other similar devices inside library buildings; bike racks are located outside for storage.
12. Consuming food or drink that creates a nuisance because of odor, garbage or spills. Non-alcoholic beverages in closed containers and small amounts of snack foods are allowed.

13. Bringing animals inside library buildings (with the exception of service animals), except as allowed at a library-approved event, or leaving an animal tethered and unattended on library premises.
14. Possession of weapons anywhere on library premises.
15. Sleeping in or on library premises.
16. Improperly using library restrooms, including, but not limited to, bathing, shaving, washing hair.
17. Using personal electronic equipment at a volume that disturbs others, including, but not limited to, pagers, stereos, televisions and cellular telephones.
18. Going without shirts and shoes.
19. Disturbing others because of offensive body odor.

Library management reserves the right to expel anyone whose behavior is disruptive, is inappropriate for the library environment, interferes with the use of the library by other patrons, or violates any library policy in effect. We will call the police if the incident warrants this action.

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