

## LIBRARY BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Public Library is open to all to provide access to the information, ideas and meeting rooms therein. No individual or group has the right to interfere with anyone else's right to use the library for these purposes.

Behavior is considered unacceptable when it could result in injury to oneself or others, when it violates the law, when it interferes with another person's use of the library, or when it could result in loss or damage to Library or patron's property.

Persons failing to follow the Library's behavior rules may be asked to leave. Repeat violations may result in suspension of library privileges.

1. The revocation or denial of library privileges may be appealed in writing to the Library Director within 10 days after the revocation or suspension.
2. Within 10 days of the receipt of the notice, the patron shall schedule a meeting with the Library Director to resolve the issue of the library privileges being revoked or denied.
3. If the resolution cannot be reached with the Library Director, the patron may make a written request to the Library Director, within 10 days of the meeting with the Director, asking that the matter be addressed by the Library Board at the next monthly Board Meeting. The Library Board decision shall be final and may be appealed in a court of competent jurisdiction.

The individual requesting the appeal may attend the Board Meeting and make a short presentation after which the Board shall decide the matter. The patron instituting an appeal at either the director level or the library board level, shall have the right to bring legal counsel with him or her to the hearing.

### PLEASE

- No eating (except in meeting rooms or coffee café)
- No use of alcohol or illegal drugs on library property
- No use of tobacco products in the library
- (smoking in any form, including e-smoking is prohibited)
- No animals except service animals and those that are a part of sanctioned library activities; no running, throwing, fighting; no loud or abusive language - these rules of behavior shall apply to all buildings, interior and exterior, and all grounds controlled and operated by the Jasper County Public Library and to all persons entering in or on the premises.
- No guns or weapons on library property except as allowed under Indiana law.
- No bicycling, skateboarding, rollerblading or skating on library property. Bicycles ridden to the library must be stored in the bicycle racks while owners are using library facilities.

- No sleeping or bathing in the library
- No soliciting except in support of the library and sanctioned library activities.
- Soliciting includes such actions as selling items, begging, circulating petitions, distributing printed material, conducting surveys.

Please see the **Photography, Videotaping, and Other Recording Devices Policy** regarding photography and videotaping.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their children's behavior while children are on library property. For safety reasons, we recommend that children age ten and under not be left unattended in the library. If children are left at the library under the care of another child and staff are concerned that the children are not adequately supervised by the other child, library staff will attempt to contact the parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian cannot be contacted, the children may be placed in the care of law enforcement.

Vandalism to library property will result in suspension of library borrowing privileges, as well as in criminal prosecution.

Appropriate apparel, including shoes and shirts, must be worn while in the library.

Patrons whose bodily hygiene is offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to other persons shall be required to leave the building.

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