

Policy for Patron Behavior in the Library

The Punxsutawney Memorial Library is committed to making the Library enjoyable for all who visit. Correspondingly, any person entering the Library must follow all rules posted herein.

PLEASE observe the following:

- Keep all valuables and personal property with you at all times. The Library is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Supervise children (those under the age of 10) at all times. A parent or guardian should be with children under the age of 10 in the Children's area.
- Follow Library computer policies.
- Avoid disruptive cell phone use. Use of cell phones for conversations, or for usage that makes sounds, is not permitted in the Library. You may do so in the entryway (between the double-doors) or outside.

In order to provide a safe and comfortable environment, the following are NOT PERMITTED in the Library:

- Destruction or theft of Library materials or property (this includes printed materials)
- Use of alcohol or illegal substances
- Disorderly, disruptive or boisterous conduct
- Threatening, harassing or intimidating language or behavior (towards staff OR other patrons)
- Any food (to include candy and gum), except during Library-sponsored special events
- Beverages in open cups, cans or other containers (cups and bottles with lids are permitted)
- Smoking and use of tobacco products, including vaping
- Sleeping
- Weapons
- Bathing or shaving in public restrooms
- Solicitation of any type (this includes fund-raising for groups other than the Library)
- Pets or animals, other than AUTHORIZED service animals

Patrons are expected to maintain an acceptable standard of personal hygiene. Creating a hazardous (lice, bedbugs, contagious conditions, etc.) or physically offensive condition – including unpleasant body odors that may offend other Library patrons as well as infested clothing or personal items – is unacceptable. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times (this includes toddlers).

The Library reserves the right to respond to any and all conduct not expressly set forth herein but which is deemed by Library staff to unreasonably interfere with the use of the Library by other patrons or interfere with the performance of their duties by Library employees.

Any patron who violates these rules or is found to be engaging in other offensive conduct may temporarily or permanently be denied access to all Library facilities. Any patron whom staff considers to be endangering other patrons or staff will be directed to leave the premises immediately.

In the event any patron engages in any suspected unlawful activity, appropriate law enforcement authorities will be notified.

Any patron whose privileges have been temporarily or permanently suspended, may request (in writing) a review of such decision by the Library Board.

This policy was approved and implemented in September 2010.