Aurora Free Library
RULES OF BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Aurora Free Library provides facilities, materials, programs, and services for reading, learning, research, and community use. All patrons and visitors must respect the rights and needs of others. Conduct that disrupts Library operations; interferes with another person's reasonable use of Library materials, programs, services, and facilities; creates a health or safety risk; or is inconsistent with the mission of the Library is not permitted.

This policy applies to all patrons, visitors, volunteers, and other persons using Library buildings, grounds, programs, services, or technology. It applies during regular operations and at all Library-sponsored activities, whether conducted on Library property or at another location.

All patrons are expected to follow reasonable directions from Library staff and volunteers concerning compliance with this policy.

The following are <u>not</u> permitted:

- Excessive noise, including disruptive cell phone use
- Being in the Library with no shoes or shirt
- Smoking, vaping, chewing tobacco, or using other tobacco or nicotine products in the Library or on Library grounds.
- Bathing or other inappropriate activities in the public restrooms
- Using rollerblades, skateboards or other sports equipment on the Library grounds
- Blocking aisles so that access to Library materials and services is prevented
- Loitering or sleeping in a manner that blocks access, disrupts Library operations, interferes with another person's reasonable use of the Library, or continues after closing.
- Weapons
- Photographing, filming, or recording another person in a manner that violates their reasonable expectation of privacy, materially disrupts Library operations or use, or continues after the person or Library staff asks that the recording stop.
- Consuming, possessing or selling alcohol or illegal substances
- Excessive displays of public affection
- Gambling
- Leaving children under 8 unattended
- Panhandling, petitioning, soliciting or selling merchandise
- Spitting
- Entering unauthorized workspaces
- Strong smells which unreasonably disturb others
- Misuse of the Internet (see Computer and Internet Use Policy)

- Animals, except for service, guide and assistance

Exceptions to these prohibitions may be approved at the sole discretion of Library staff.

The following conduct may violate applicable law and may result in contact with law enforcement, in addition to action under this policy:

- Using abusive, aggressive, threatening, or obscene language or engaging in conduct that threatens, intimidates, harasses, or endangers another person or materially disrupts Library operations.
- Intentionally or recklessly destroying, damaging, defacing, or misusing Library books, materials, computers, furniture, facilities, or other property.
- Removing or attempting to remove Library materials or property without authorization or without completing required checkout procedures.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in a warning, a direction to stop the conduct, removal from the Library for the remainder of the day, suspension of Library privileges for a stated period, contacting a parent or guardian when appropriate, or contacting emergency services or law enforcement. Library staff will respond to violations in a manner reasonably related to the nature, severity, and frequency of the conduct. Only the Library Director or the Director's designee may issue a suspension of Library privileges beyond the remainder of the day.

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