

LIBRARY BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Mooresville Public Library is committed to maintaining a safe and pleasant environment for all patrons and staff. All visitors are expected to exhibit reasonable and respectful behavior. Visitors are expected to use the library as intended. The library does not allow:

- Any behavior that is disruptive to library use
- Behavior that interferes with another person(s) use of the library
- Behavior that interferes with staff work or library activities
- Behavior that could result in loss or damage to library or patron property
- Behavior that could result in injury to oneself or others, including but not limited to: running, throwing of objects, horseplay, fighting or pretend fighting
- Threats, harassment, or intimidation
- Misuse of restroom
- Inappropriate use of elevator and/or stairs
- Failure to adequately supervise children
- Loitering
- Sleeping
- Eating or drinking in the children's area, public computer area, Indiana Room or any other area designated as food/drink not allowed
- Lying or sitting on floor. Lying or sitting on objects or furnishing not intended for sitting, such as tables or desks. More than one adult/teen person sitting on a single chair.
- Alcohol, smoking (including vaping or e-cigarettes), tobacco products, drug use
- Apparent intoxication or impairment due to alcohol, drugs or other substances
- Selling, polling, soliciting, begging or panhandling
- Not wearing shoes or shirt
- Public displays of carnal affection
- Sustained periods of excessive noise, including verbal, or from the use of a device or public computer
- Violations of any other library policy
- Illegal behavior

Violators will receive one verbal warning and the opportunity to cease a behavior that violates this policy. If the behavior continues, library privileges will be suspended for the day and the violator will be asked to leave the library property immediately. Any person who has had their library privilege suspended for the day will be given the opportunity to make a phone call for someone to pick them up. If necessary, the library reserves the right to utilize assistance from local law enforcement in expelling a patron.

If library staff is unable to determine who is responsible for the misbehavior, an entire group may be asked to leave for the remainder of the day.

Repeated violations of rules will result in a longer ban, from one week to one month, as determined by the Director or their designee.

When possible, patrons who have had their library privileges suspended will be provided with written notification stating the specific library policy violated and specifying the length of the suspension.

Any behavior that poses a threat to other people in the library or to the library property will result in immediate expulsion from the library. There will be no warnings in such instances. Illegal behavior will be reported to local law enforcement, and theft and vandalism of library property may be prosecuted.

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