

Grove City Community Library Patron Behavior Policy

Purpose

The Grove City Community Library is a public facility and as such we expect all who use the facility to be courteous and respectful towards one another and follow all library rules. The Patron Behavior Policy is intended to protect the rights and safety of library patrons, library staff, and to protect the library's materials, facilities, and property.

Please Observe the following:

- Keep all valuables and personal property with you at all times. The library is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen personal property on library premises.
- Any child age 12 and under must be accompanied and actively supervised by an adult (18 years or older) at all times. Parents or guardians are responsible for the safety and behavior of the children they are supervising. Please refer to our Unattended Minor Policy.
- The Children/Teen area is designated for patrons 17 and younger and adults accompanying minors. Patrons 18 and older who are not caring for a minor are welcome to visit the Children/Teen area for a reasonable amount of time to retrieve library material from the shelves.
- The Adult area is designated for patrons 18 and older. Children ages 12 and under are not allowed to use the adult area without a responsible adult age 18 or older with them. Teens 13-17 are welcome to visit the adult area for a reasonable amount of time to retrieve library material from the shelves. Library staff determines what is considered a "reasonable period of time."
- Follow library computer and Internet/Wi-Fi policies.
- Conversations on cell phones are not allowed inside the library; take cell phone conversations in the library lobby or outside.
- Appropriate dress for a public space is required; shoes and shirts must be worn at all times by all patrons. Inappropriate dress, such as bathing suits and wet clothing are not permitted.
- All patrons must maintain an acceptable standard of hygiene. Any individual having infested clothing, effects, or offensive odors that disrupts other patrons will be asked to leave the library.

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

- Violation of any local, state, or federal laws.
- Destruction or theft of library materials or property.
- Disorderly, disruptive, or boisterous conduct.
- Threatening, harassing, or intimidating language or behavior.
- Possess, consume, sell, exchange or be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs including cigarettes and e-cigarettes.
- Smoking, including e-cigarettes/vaping, and use of any tobacco product.
- Bathing or shaving in public restrooms.
- Solicitation of any type, including requests to sign petitions.
- Pets or animals, other than **authorized** service animals.
- Weapons of any kind unless patron has a concealed carry permit and the weapon is concealed.
- Interfering with library staff's ability to perform their duties.

Any library staff can determine whether the rules are being followed. The library staff may respond to any conduct not expressed here which is deemed to interfere with staff duties or other patrons' use of the library.

Failure to comply with the Patron Behavior Policy may result in exclusion from the library for the day, permanently, and/or in arrest.