



Section 5:1
Patrons

5:1 Policy on General Behavior

Library patrons are expected to use the Library, including its facilities, grounds, resources, and materials in a responsible, respectful and courteous manner. Illegal acts or conduct in violation of Federal, State, or local laws, ordinances or regulations is prohibited.

Any behavior that disrupts the orderly operation of the Library is prohibited. This includes, without limitation, any behavior that disturbs or infringes on the rights of other library patrons or staff, behavior that constitutes a nuisance or presents a safety and/or security hazard, or affects the ability of the staff to provide services to its patrons.

- No use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or vaping shall be permitted in the Library, nor shall there be any use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, or open flames.
- No hazardous activity may be conducted on Library property at any time.
- Animals shall not be permitted in the Library except for guide dogs, hearing dogs, and service dogs, as described in Section 51.5-44 of the Code of Virginia.
- No food or drink shall be permitted in any portion of the Library other than the Community and Board Rooms, in accordance with the Policy on Public Use of Library Space.
- Patrons with cell phones must turn them off or set them to “vibrate” upon entering the Library. Cell phones may only be used in the lobby.
- All use of the Library computers is subject to the Library’s Policy on Computer and Internet Acceptable Use.

Any patron in violation of the Policy on General Behavior or other policies adopted by Board of Trustees may be asked to leave the Library.

If the patron refuses to leave, local law enforcement officials will be called.

Disruptive behavior or noncompliance with Library policies on the part of a library patron may result in the suspension or termination of that individual’s library privileges for a length of time to be determined by the Library Director.

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