

Lawrence Library

Behavior Policy

The Lawrence Library is committed to providing an enjoyable and safe environment where patrons and staff can fully benefit from the library's resources and services. Firearms are prohibited in the library. We expect patrons to behave responsibly, respectfully, and with consideration for others. The following behavior guidelines must be adhered to:

- Shoes and proper attire must be worn.
- Creating disturbances such as, but not limited to, running, shouting or talking loudly, using inappropriate language or gestures, harassment, or making threats is not permitted.
- Activities must remain in the room where they are booked and should not impact other library patrons.
- The destruction of property, including but not limited to books, any part of the library facility or equipment, other patron's property, etc., is not allowed.
- Smoking or vaping, or the use or handling of tobacco or vapes, in the library or on library grounds is not allowed.
- Being under the influence of or using alcohol* or narcotics in the library building or on library grounds is strictly prohibited.
- There is no solicitation or proselytizing allowed.
- Patrons using library computers, or their own laptops/mobile devices, must follow the library computer use policy.
- Cell phone usage: Please set your cell phone or other electronic device to silent or vibrate mode. Keep conversations short and speak softly, and use your phone in the front entryway (by the bathroom), or the Art Gallery.
- Library staff is not responsible for personal belongings left unattended.
- If it is known that a person is incapable of taking care of, or is a risk to, themselves the library shall call the appropriate authority to ensure safety of said person.

The library staff reserves the right to ask a patron to leave, or take appropriate action, if any of the above guidelines are not honored.

*Exceptions will include library functions approved at the discretion of the Library Board of Trustees.

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