Rules of Behavior Policy

Tye Preston Memorial Library endeavors to provide a welcoming environment in which all library guests may safely and freely use and enjoy the library. The responsibility for a library guest’s conduct and personal possessions rests with the library guest. All library guests observing proper conduct in the library are allowed to freely make use of the library.

Our libraries provide for a mix of activities, both quiet and noisy. On a busy day, the variety of activities within proximity of each other is likely to result in sharing conflicts. We expect library guests to limit the things they are doing that are disruptive to people around them. Those whose conduct is disruptive to library operations and other library guests’ use of the library may have their privilege of using the library abridged or denied.

Disruptive guests of any age will be given a warning to stop the behavior or activity. Warnings for young children will be directed to the parent or attending adult if they can be found. If the behavior continues, staff may ask the person(s) to leave the library. Failure to leave may result in staff calling law enforcement for assistance and the offender may be subject to arrest and/or be issued a criminal trespass warrant. Dangerous or illegal behavior will be reported to law enforcement immediately without warning.

No list can be exhaustive, and any conduct which disrupts the library is prohibited.

To provide an enjoyable library visit for everyone, no person shall:

- Exhibit disruptive behavior or exceed acceptable noise levels.
- Damage Library property.
- Threaten or harass library guests or staff.
- Anything which may be reasonably expected to result in injury to self or others
- Possess alcohol, illegal substances, or be intoxicated by any means.
- Smoke or use tobacco products in any area of the library or the library grounds. Smoking includes the use of electronic cigarettes or any other smoking device.

Animals:

- Pets or any other animals are not allowed in the library.
- Animals that are necessary for library programming are allowed in the library.
- Service animals or service animals in training are allowed in the library. Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals which have not been trained to

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perform a specific job or task do not qualify as service animals under the ADA and are not allowed in the library.

- Service animals are not allowed on library furniture, and must remain on the floor or be carried (as appropriate) by their handlers at all times.
- Service animals must be under the immediate control of their handlers at all times.
- The service animal must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered unless these devices interfere with the animal’s work or the person’s disability prevents the use of these devices.
- Service animals which are not housebroken, bark repeatedly, are uncontrolled, or are otherwise disruptive will be required to leave the premises.