

Rules of Conduct

It is the policy of the Washington County Public Library to provide a comfortable environment that is conducive to the use of library materials either by individuals or small groups. The library is designed for the use of all members of the public. Patrons are expected to observe the rights of other patrons and staff members and to use the library for its intended purpose.

The Board of Trustees of the Washington County Public Library has adopted the following policy regarding conduct. Any behavior or activity that interferes with legitimate library business will be prohibited. Persons who fail to observe the following guidelines may be asked to leave the library grounds or be subject to arrest.

The following kinds of behavior will not be allowed in the library or on library grounds:

- Any behavior that endangers safety or health.
- Violation of any local, state or federal law.
- Vandalism or deliberate destruction of library property or materials.
- Theft of library materials or the personal property of other patrons or staff members.
- Deliberate disruption of library services.
- Use of abusive language, loud talking or laughing that disrupts or could disrupt other patrons.
- Smoking (or use of tobacco in any form), eating, drinking, or use of controlled substances in the library.
- Inappropriate dress - for instance, library users must wear shoes and shirts.
- Panhandling, soliciting, loitering, and sleeping.
- Failure to supervise a child, of whom you are a parent or legal guardian, so that he or she does not disturb other persons in the library or damage library property.

These rules are not all inclusive of every behavior that will be regulated on library property. The Washington County Public Library reserves the right to prohibit any behavior or actions, which we feel, may be inappropriate or disruptive. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a pleasant atmosphere in the library.

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