

General Statement of Policy

In order to protect all Library users' rights of access to Library facilities, to ensure the safety of patrons and staff, and to protect Library resources and facilities from damage, the Library imposes the following reasonable restrictions on the manner of Library access and behavior. This policy applies to and is enforced on all library premises including entryways, sidewalks, and interior/exterior of the building.

Regulations

1. Any behavior that is determined by staff to be disruptive or unsafe is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a) Harassment; and verbal, visual, or physical abuse of other Library patrons or staff;
 - b) Use of threatening or vulgar language;
 - c) Fighting;
 - d) Failing to comply with NWRLS policies or refusing or ignoring a staff member request;
 - e) Improper use, destruction, theft or attempted theft of property;
 - f) Being under the influence of, in possession of, selling or distributing any alcoholic beverage or other controlled substance as defined by Florida Statutes;
 - g) Noise or talking which disturbs others. [Patrons and staff discussing library business does not constitute a disruption];
 - h) Running, noisy playing, and use of wheeled recreational devices such as skateboards;
 - i) Loitering (as set forth in Florida Statutes 856.021); sleeping; bathing, shaving, or laundering clothes in the restroom; or otherwise using the library for an unintended purpose;
 - j) Personal hygiene or behavior that creates a hazard to the health and/or safety of Library customers or interferes with Library personnel or public use of Library resources;
 - k) Panhandling, soliciting, or selling merchandize without the approval of the Library Director or designee;
 - l) Eating and drinking in the library, except in designated areas;
 - m) Leaving personal items unattended or in a location which causes a safety hazard;
 - n) Not being fully clothed, including shoes, at all times while on Library property;
 - o) Bringing animals into the Library, with the exception of service animals and animals present as part of a Library program;
 - p) Blocking entrances, exits, and walkways. Bicycles, scooters and other vehicles must be parked in designated areas;
 - q) Smoking or use of tobacco products, including electronic devices.
2. The Library is not responsible for unattended children. Parents or other adults are responsible for supervising their minor children at all times while on library property.
3. All customers are required to leave the Library at closing unless attending an authorized after-hours program.
4. Patrons engaging in criminal activity as defined by Florida Statutes are reported immediately to law enforcement authorities.

Visitors who are in violation of the *Code of Conduct* may be asked to leave the Library, may have their Library privileges suspended or revoked, or may face prosecution.