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.

Regulations

1. Any behavior that is disruptive to Library use is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:
    a) Noise or talking which disturbs others;
    b) Running and noisy playing;
    c) Use of wheeled recreational devices such as skateboards;
    d) Use of threatening or vulgar language;
    e) 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;
    f) Harassment; and verbal, visual, or physical abuse of other Library patrons or staff;
    g) Fighting;
    h) Improper use, destruction, theft or attempted theft of property;
    i) Being under the influence of, in possession of, selling or distributing any alcoholic beverage or other controlled substance as defined by Florida Statutes;
    j) Soliciting, peddling or vending;
    k) Loitering in a way that creates a reasonable concern for the safety of persons or property as set forth in Florida Statutes 856.021;
    l) Not wearing shoes and a shirt at all times while on Library property;
    m) Bringing animals or pets into the Library, with the exception of service animals and animals present as part of a Library program;
    n) Smoking, including electronic devices, or use of tobacco products;
    o) Failing to comply with the NWRLS *Computer & Internet Use Policy*;
    p) Refusing or ignoring a staff member request.
2. Parents or other adults accompanying minor children are responsible for those children in the Library. The Library is not responsible for unattended children. Preschoolers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (responsible party), except during preschool storytimes.
3. All customers are required to leave the Library at closing unless attending an authorized after-hours program.
4. Eating and drinking are allowed only in designated areas of the Library.
5. 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.

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