

## **Greenville Public Library Behavior Policy**

POLICY STATEMENT: The Greenville Public Library is dedicated to protecting the rights and safety of library users, volunteers, and staff. Our goal is to enable all library visitors to enjoy a welcoming, safe, clean, and secure environment. Each person is expected to respect the rights of others and comply with the following library use guidelines while on library property.

### **Code of Conduct**

Proper dress is required. Shirts and shoes must be worn inside the library at all times.

Mobile phone use is prohibited in public service areas of the library and phones should be set to silent mode. Mobile phone use is allowed in the entrance foyer and lower level hallway. The volume on personal listening devices must be adjusted so as to be inaudible to other patrons and library staff.

Eating, and drinking from uncovered containers inside the library is prohibited.

Smoking of any kind (including but not limited to cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and vaping devices) is prohibited inside the library and on library grounds

Patrons must respect the rights of other patrons and may not harass or annoy others or behave in a manner that reasonably can be expected to disturb other patrons.

Loitering in the library or on library grounds is prohibited. Patrons must vacate the building and grounds after regular closing hours.

Sleeping in the library or on library grounds is prohibited.

Uttering profane, obscene, or other language that would be offensive to a reasonable person is prohibited.

Engaging in any type of sport in the building or on library grounds is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, skateboarding, ball games, and bicycle riding. This does not mean to exclude modes of transportation to and from the library.

The staff will normally allow anyone engaging in behaviors listed above one warning. If the behavior continues the patron will be expelled from the library for the day. If they do not leave, the patron's parents (if a minor) will be notified of the problem and the perpetrator will be denied library access. Should there continue to be a problem the police will be notified.

All disturbances and/or complaints will be recorded in a log book kept at the circulation desk. If it is noted that a patron has been denied library access more than once in a two-week period, their parents will be notified (if a minor) and they will be denied access to the library for a period of one week.

Illegal behavior will result in the calling of police. Charges will be pressed against any individual who commits an illegal act, not limited to, but including the following:

- 1) Damaging or defacing library property
- 2) Theft of library property
- 3) Intoxication or possession of illegal drugs or alcohol on library property
- 4) Illegal Internet usage

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