



Appropriate Library Behavior Policy

All persons are welcome to use the Library and its facilities and information resources during regularly scheduled hours. In order to protect the rights and safety of all Library patrons and Library staff members, and in accord with relevant Oldham County ordinances, the Library Board of Trustees has adopted the following rules of Patron Conduct.

1. Patrons using the internet shall abide by the Oldham County Public Library Internet Use Policy.
2. Patrons shall respect the rights of other patrons and staff, and shall not disturb, harass or annoy others. Some behaviors that may be acceptable outside of the Library are prohibited in the library.
3. Patrons shall wear shoes and shirt at all times.

Inappropriate Conduct

Include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Using tobacco products, alcohol, e-cigarettes, or vaping
2. Interfering with Library staff in the performance of their duties
3. Leaving a child under the age of 10 unattended in the Library without the supervision of a caregiver that is at least 13.
4. Selling and/or soliciting for services, money or items
5. Any illegal activity
6. Threats to personal safety of staff or other patrons

Treatment of Inappropriate Behavior

1. Law Enforcement Officials will be notified immediately if staff determines their presence is necessary.
2. Any person who enters or remains on Library premises after having been notified by an authorized individual not to do so, and any person who enters or remains on the Library premises during the period in which he or she has been banned from the Library, will be subject to arrest and prosecution for trespassing.

Staff Procedures

Prohibited behaviors that do not require the intervention of law enforcement officers will be dealt with by a Library staff member, with the assistance of another staff member, as follows:

1. Patrons who are behaving in a prohibited manner will be asked to cease the problem behavior.
2. Patrons who do not cease their problem behavior when asked to do so by a staff member may be required to leave the building, denied the use of the Library's materials or equipment, and/or banned from re-entering the Library for a period of time.

3. Patrons who disagree with such actions may request a hearing with the Library Director at a later time.
4. Prohibited behaviors which, in the judgment of a Library staff member, pose a threat to the safety of staff or patrons, or which may be illegal, must be reported immediately to the proper police authority. Patrons who have been required to leave the building and refuse to do so will also be reported to the proper police authorities.
5. All patrons, including those attending Library-sponsored programs or meeting programs held by outside groups, must leave the premises at closing time. Patrons who require assistance to return home, such as minors or disabled adults, and who remain on the premises after closing time, may be referred to the proper police authorities in order to ensure their safety.

This policy supersedes any previous patron conduct policy, written or implied. The Board of Trustees of the Oldham County Public Library reserves the right to amend, alter, or revoke this policy if it is deemed necessary or desirable to do so.

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President, Board of Trustees

Date