

Blake Memorial Library Patron Code of Conduct

Patrons of Blake Memorial Library have a right to expect our library to be a clean, pleasant, and safe place. The term 'the library' means the building, grounds and parking lot.

The Board has adopted the following policies as acceptable standards of behavior for our library:

- Show respect for everyone in the Library and refrain from disruptive behavior. Disruptive behavior may include but is not limited to: running, playing audio equipment so others can hear, threatening or harassing behavior, public intoxication, profanity, talking loudly, or engaging in any other behavior which library staff may interpret as disturbing to themselves, other patrons, and/or the library environment
- Treat Library property with care. Theft of Library property or any purposeful damage done to the material, equipment, furniture, building, or property of the Library is against the law.
- Personal items must be stored away from common walkways. The Library is not responsible for items left unattended.
- Carrying guns or weapons of any type on Library property is not permissible, except by law enforcement officers.
- Appropriate attire, including shirts and shoes, is required.
- As a courtesy to others, cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices must be set to silent or vibrating mode. Cell phone conversations must be held outside.
- Limited snacking is allowed but food or beverages should not create a mess or disturb other patrons. Food and drink are not allowed while using the computers.
- Any use of tobacco products, cannabis, vaping or illegal drugs are not permitted on Library property. Alcohol is only permitted in conjunction with a library-sponsored program, when appropriate.
- Animals are not permitted in the library building, with the exception of service animals. Dogs must be leashed while on library property.
- Soliciting by patrons is not allowed.

The Library Director and/or Assistant have the responsibility and the authority to take steps to ensure that the rules are enforced. Their judgment shall determine what is considered inappropriate or unsafe behavior. The library reserves the right to revoke or restrict library privileges of any patron for behavior contrary to these rules and/or regulations.

Approved by the Board of Trustees, August 2019