

BEHAVIOR

Purpose

This policy defines appropriate library conduct for patrons, volunteers, and staff in order to maintain a safe environment for all. This policy applies to all ages.

Behavior Policy

Individuals of all ages are to use the library facilities in a responsible and courteous manner and must comply with all federal, state, and local laws, as well as all Library policies. It is expected that everyone will respect the rights of others and take appropriate care with all resources and property.

Rules of Conduct

Prohibited actions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Fighting, running, pushing or throwing objects
- Any form of harassment (physical, sexual or verbal) including initiating unwanted conversations and indecent exposure
- Possessing weapons of any type
- Using offensive or abusive language
- Damaging or stealing library property
- Entering staff-only areas without permission of library staff
- Visiting without shirt and/or shoes
- Soliciting inside the building
- Loud and lengthy conversations

PLEASE NOTE:

Only animals in service to the disabled as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are allowed in Township buildings. Animals may be present in the library only for specific programs which are advertised as featuring animals. Animals on library property must be attended and controlled at all times.

Snack foods may be enjoyed in the library; however, items that leave behind crumbs, grease, stains, or lingering odors are prohibited. Please clean up accidental messes and report spills immediately. Non-alcoholic beverages in lidded containers may be enjoyed in the library

The use of tobacco products or electronic and vapor cigarettes inside the building and within 15 feet of the building is prohibited.

2.1 Child Safety

- Parents, guardians, and caregivers are responsible for the appropriate behavior of their children in the library.
- The library staff does not provide care or supervision of children in the library except to the extent needed to uphold the library rules of conduct and use.
- Children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied and directly supervised by a responsible person (over the age of 13) at all times. *Accompanied* is defined as *within sight of your child or children*.
- Children ages 15 and younger remaining at the library after closing will be referred to the police for assistance.
- Patrons with mental, physical, or emotional needs, which render necessary supervision, must be accompanied by a suitable caregiver at all times, regardless of age. If the caregiver cannot be found, the police department will be called for assistance.
- Children are subject to the same rules of conduct as other patrons and are subject to the same consequences, including being asked to leave the library.
- The library management will have the final determination if a child may use the library unaccompanied.

Noncompliance

Failure to comply with these stated rules will result in removal from the building and loss of library privileges.