Patron Conduct Policy

Leach Public Library

The Leach Public Library strives to provide a safe, fair, and pleasant environment for all patrons, community members and visitors to use and enjoy all the resources and services the library has to offer. To maintain a comfortable shared space, the library sets forth a set of standards to be followed by all library users.

Disruptive behavior on the part of any patron is unacceptable. Disruptive behavior includes any activities that:

- Interferes with the ability of patrons to use library services and resources, including privacy rights
- Disrupts the normal functions of the library and/or hinders library staff's ability to do their jobs
- May result in physical, emotional, or mental harm to oneself or others
- May result in damage to library materials, equipment, building or grounds

The following are examples of disruptive or unacceptable behaviors that are prohibited in the library and on library property:

- Smoking, vaping, or otherwise using, consuming, displaying, distributing or being under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, or any illegal substance
- Leaving personal belongings unattended
- Bringing non-service animals into the library
- Soliciting, petitioning, distributing written materials, conducting surveys, or canvassing for political, charitable, or religious purposes without the prior approval of the library director
- Use of roller skates, inline skates, skateboards, scooters or bicycles inside the library
- Entering the library without wearing shoes, and clothing covering both the upper and lower halves of the body. Bathing suits are prohibited.
- Use of threatening or obscene language and gestures toward patrons or staff
- Playing audio, video or other electronic equipment so that others can hear it
- Physical, sexual or verbal harassment or abuse towards patrons or staff
- Stealing, mutilating, damaging or vandalizing any library materials, equipment or property, or the property of library patrons or staff
- Using cell phones loudly, in a manner or for a duration that is disruptive to others

- Leaving young children, or other children who need supervision, or adults who require special care unattended. See the Unattended and Vulnerable Patron Policy.
- Selling merchandise or services without the prior approval of the library director.
- Carrying or brandishing any sort of weapon.
- Filming, photographing, or otherwise recording patrons or staff, except with the prior approval of the library director and the individuals being filmed or recorded.
- Refusal to cease behavior or leave the building/property upon the request of library staff.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited on library property.
- Use of grills or open fire pits is prohibited on library property.

Patrons who violate any of these guidelines will be given notice of this policy. A violation may result in suspension of library privileges, patron's expulsion from the library/property, or criminal prosecution or other legal actions, as appropriate.

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