

Patron Conduct

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Library staff is committed to serving patrons and providing a safe and inviting atmosphere. Conduct on library property which may lead to denial of library privileges includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Engaging in any activity in violation of Federal, State, local, or other applicable law, or library policy.
2. Theft, or attempted theft, or destruction or attempted destruction of library materials or property or the personal property of library patrons and staff.
3. Smoking or use of tobacco products or electronic cigarettes in library.
4. Bringing uninvited animals of any kind, including insects and other living organisms except service animals, such as seeing-eye dogs or other guide-trained animals. (P2.65)
5. Entering into or remaining in the library while emitting odors—including bodily odors and perfumes—which interfere with the use of library services by other patrons or by staff.
6. Offensive gestures; cursing; obscene, abusive, or threatening language including hateful speech, racial slurs, or profanities.
7. Public display of explicit sexual material or child pornography.
8. Sexual misconduct.
9. Using or bringing controlled substances or alcohol onto library property or otherwise exhibiting signs and symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
10. Unlawful or unsafe possession, use, or display of a weapon.

11. Physical altercations including assault or violent acts, fighting or challenging to fight, pushing, shoving, or throwing things.
12. Neglecting to provide proper supervision of children. Children 7 years of age and younger should be supervised by a caregiver 12 or older. (P2.67)
13. Littering
14. Moving, altering, or rearranging library furniture or equipment, altering the configuration or settings of library electronic equipment without the authorization of library staff.
15. Sitting on tables, book stacks, putting feet on furniture, or sitting on the laps of others.

All library staff members have the authority to eject anyone who exhibits these behaviors.

If asked to leave the premises, access to all library services is denied. If the person refuses when asked to leave, the proper authorities may be called in accordance with K.S.A. 21-3828 (3).

Branch Directors and the Administrator have the authority to limit or revoke library privileges for an extended period of time. Limitations or revocations can be appealed by submitting a request to the Board Chairman one week prior to monthly meeting.