Beaman Community Memorial Library

Behavior Policy

The Beaman Community Memorial Library is a public institution where all patrons have an equal right to utilize library services in a safe, friendly and peaceful environment. Therefore, no one may engage in conduct that limits or threatens the legitimate use of the library. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to:

1. Intentionally annoying, harassing, or threatening another person.
2. Behaving in a disorderly, loud, or boisterous manner
3.  Consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages, or using or possessing controlled substances on library grounds

4. Possessing a firearm, knife, or any device which could be used as a weapon
5. Defacing or destroying library property
6. Smoking
7. Remaining in the Library without authorization after regular closing hours
8. Soliciting funds or panhandling
9. Poor bodily hygiene that is so offensive as to constitute a nuisance

10. Running, using skates, a skateboard or a scooter in the Library
11. Playing audio equipment at volume that is disturbing to other users
12. Campaigning, petitioning, interviewing, photographing, videotaping or soliciting sales to patrons and/or staff in a manner that is uncomfortable or disruptive to Library activities
13. Intentionally exposing patrons and/or staff to offensive images or language
14. Engaging in loud or lengthy conversations, including conversations on cell phones
15. Interfering with the Library’s right to maintain a clean, pleasant and safe facility
16. Use of the Library’s telephone for extended periods so that staff and/or other patrons are prevented from using it as needed.

17. Consuming food or beverages other than at the conference table

18. Removing library property without checking it out

19. Indecent exposure

20. Not wearing a shirt and/or shoes

21. Bringing in an animal other than a service animal or one that is part of an educational program

Patrons exhibiting such behavior will normally be given one warning to correct their behavior. If the behavior continues, they will be asked to leave the library for the rest of the day. Extreme or dangerous behavior will result in immediate expulsion without warning. If the patron will not leave, library staff will contact local law enforcement. Law enforcement may be called even if the patron leaves, in the case of seriously dangerous behavior.

If a patron is asked to leave the library on three separate occasions, they may be banned from the library. Such a ban may be appealed in writing to the library Board of Trustees, to be considered at the next board meeting.

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