

Spring Green Community Library Behavior Policy

The Spring Green Community Library wants to be a welcoming space and for all visitors to have a satisfactory experience. We expect people to be respectful and behave in a manner that does not disrupt others. This policy establishes rules for behavior in the Library necessary to:

- Promote a safe environment for staff, visitors, materials, and facilities
- Protect the rights of individuals to use library materials, facilities, and services
- Create an environment that is conducive for library employees and volunteers to conduct library business without interference
- Encourage the use of the Library building, materials, and services

Mutual respect makes it possible for everyone to enjoy the library. Behavior that interferes with the rights of others includes, but is not limited to:

Use and care of library materials, facilities, and services:

- Consuming food in the carpeted areas of the library. Non-alcoholic beverages are allowed in covered containers.
- Abuse or improper use of furniture, equipment, or materials
- Smoking, chewing tobacco or using electronic cigarettes or similar devices
- Monopolizing/obstructing space, seating, tables or equipment to the exclusion of others, including restrooms
- Bathing, shaving, or washing clothes on the premises
- Intentionally damaging or destroying property belonging to others

Safety:

- Blocking entrances and/or exits
- Roller skating, roller blading, skateboarding, or cycling, except when participating in library-sponsored programs
- Running, pushing, rough play, or other dangerous physical activity
- Leaving children under age 7 unattended or insufficiently supervised
- Bringing animals, other than service animals, into the Library
- Sleeping by ambulatory individuals
- Possessing weapons, dangerous ordnance, explosive devices (including fireworks), knives with a blade length over 2 inches, or other items that present a reasonable danger
- Violation of posted concealed weapons prohibition, except by law enforcement
- Inducing panic, false 911 or emergency calls
- Harassing others: deliberate repeated behavior that is intimidating, hostile, offensive, or adversely impacts others. Fighting, challenging someone to a fight, physical abuse, or assault.
- Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. Possession of drugs or alcohol. Actively distributing drugs or alcohol.
- Engaging in or soliciting any sexual act or indecent exposure.

Rights of others to use the library:

- Offensive body odor, including perfume/cologne, and alcohol
- Unreasonable noise including loud talking, singing, boisterous activity, cell phone use, and headphone sound that is audible to others
- Profane, obscene or abusive language, racial, ethnic, or sexual orientation epithets
- Gambling, panhandling, or soliciting money
- Use of the internet for unlawful purposes as defined by federal, state, and local laws
- Theft of personal or library property
- Improper dress, including bare feet, and lack of tops and lack of bottoms
- Bringing into the Library more than three (3) bags
- Storing personal belongings on Library property or leaving personal belongings unattended or under the care of another patron
- Distributing materials or petitioning except on public sidewalks. Disrupting building entrances/exits, drop-off locations, parking areas, or library operations.
- Trespassing
- Other acts disruptive to customers and staff

Library staff will notify an individual when their behavior interferes with the rights of others. The individual will be asked to change the problem behavior to conform to the rules. If the individual does not cooperate they will be asked to leave library property. Failure to leave when asked may result in the police being called.

Entering the Spring Green Community Library indicates a willingness and ability to act courteously toward all persons in the library, respect public property, and follow library policies.

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