

MANUAL OF LIBRARY POLICIES

SUBJECT: Patron Behavior

Resolution No. 201019-8

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library staff welcomes all patrons.

However, you may be asked to leave the library if you engage in behaviors that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Bringing animals inside the library, with the exception of service animals or those that are part of a library-sponsored program.
- Any illegal activity that violates federal, state, and/or local law
- Use of any electronic devices at a disruptive noise level
- Disorderly conduct
- Disrespect toward staff and patrons. Behaviors include, but are not limited to abusive, profane, vulgar, threatening, or excessively loud language or gestures
- Beverages without a lid
- Entering nonpublic workspaces or office areas
- Loitering, excessive, aimless, or restless roaming
- Misuse, tampering, damage, destruction, or vandalism of library property, including computer hardware and/or software
- Failing to leave the library promptly at closing
- Bathing, shaving, tooth brushing, or washing clothes inside the restrooms
- Roughhousing, rowdiness, running in the library, fighting, or wrestling
- Sexual conduct or misconduct
- Sleeping
- Soliciting and/or panhandling library patrons or staff
- Theft
- Throwing items
- Trespassing
- Unauthorized use of photography, video, and recording within the library
- Unsuitable dress. Clothing and shoes must be worn at all times
- Use or display of items not intended for public display
- Use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs, electronic cigarettes (or e-cigarettes), electronic vaping devices, personal vaporizers (PV), or electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) which simulate tobacco smoking
- Use of rollerblades, roller skates, shoes with rollers on bottom, skateboards, or other sports equipment on library property
- Use of sports equipment in a manner which causes or could cause damage or harm to library property or patrons

Patrons are responsible for their personal belongings.

Persons should use the restroom for the gender by which they identify, with the exception of a caregiver assisting a small child, a person with disability, or an elderly adult. An all-gender restroom is available on the second floor of the library.

Children under the age of twelve (12) may not be left in the library without direct supervision. If it comes to the attention of the library staff that a child under twelve has been left unattended, an attempt will be made to contact the parent/caregiver to pick up the child. If the parent/caregiver cannot be reached, the police will be called.

Violations of this policy may result in being denied access to the library on a temporary or permanent basis. Use of the library and reinstatement of privileges are by the Director's permission only.

Police may be contacted for violation(s) of the Patron Behavior Policy.