



Jones Memorial Library Behavior Policy

Jones Memorial Library supports the Library Bill of Rights in all its interpretations by the American Library Association..

Purpose:

The purpose of the Behavior Policy is to maintain an atmosphere that promotes the use and enjoyment of the resources and services of the Library; promotes the safety of the general public and the Library staff; and protects the building, furniture, equipment, and materials of the Library.

Rules for Library Behavior:

- Show respect for everyone in the Library. Use appropriate language and behavior. Behavior that is disruptive or disturbs others is prohibited. Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Treat all Library property with care.
- Appropriate attire, including shirts and shoes, is required.
- Neither the Library nor its staff is responsible for patrons' personal belongings left unattended.
- No animals are allowed, except service animals or animals brought in by the Library for specific programs.
- No smoking or use of electronic cigarettes or vape pens in the library.
- We do not allow solicitations, petitions, or canvassing in the Library or on Library premises, without the authorization of the Library Director.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices must be either set to silent or at a volume low enough to not cause disturbance of other Library patrons.
- No alcohol or illegal drugs permitted in the Library.
- The Library should make reasonable accommodations for patrons with disabilities.

Sanctions

In most cases, one verbal warning will be issued to any patron who violates the Behavior Policy. A second violation may result in expulsion from the Library and its grounds. No warning will be required, however, if in the judgment of the Library staff, the behavior in question (a) violates federal, state, county, or municipal laws, or (b) poses an immediate threat to the safety and well-being of other library patrons or staff. Library staff are authorized to enforce these rules.

The Library reserves the right to revoke or restrict library privileges or any patron for behavior contrary to these rules and regulations. In cases where voluntary compliance is not adhered to, the police may be called for assistance.