

Gunn Memorial Public Library

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## **Disruptive Behavior Policy:**

## IT IS UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR FOR ANY LIBRARY PATRON:

- 1. To create any loud disturbing noise, including noise by persons and electronic devices.
- 2. To use tobacco (either smokeless tobacco or by smoking) inside library buildings.
- 3. To possess or consume food or beverages not provided at library programs.
- 4. To not wear shirts or shoes in the Library.
- 5. To bring animals other than generally recognized service animals (e.g., guide dogs for vision impaired individuals) into the building.
- 6. To solicit for sales, donation, or to advocate any position (except in designated meetings in the area designated for such meetings).
- 7. To distribute leaflets or post any sort of notices or flyer without prior authorization from the Library administration.
- 8. To use Library telephones or other equipment without prior permission of the Library administration.
- 10. To fail to adhere to the Library's internet use policy.
- 11. To leave children under the age of 12 unattended.
- 13. To remove any library property from the building without prior authorization of the Library administration except through established lending procedures.
- 14. To block or in any way interfere with the free movement of any person or persons.
- 15. To follow or stalk staff or patrons, or to undertake any other harassing behavior such as staring, verbal comments, or other acts of intimidation.
- 16. To commit any nuisance or to disturb or offend Library patrons.
- 17. To deface or willfully destroy any Library property or the property of any patron.
- 18. To verbalize obscene or abusive language.
- 19. To fight, threaten, challenge to a fight or use obscene or offensive words likely to provoke violence.
- 20. To carry or possess any concealed or unauthorized weapon.
- 21. To possess or consume alcoholic beverages or controlled substances (except in compliance with a valid prescription) anywhere on library property.
- 22. To use library property or facilities for activities or behaviors for which is not intended (e.g., bathing, sexual activity).
- 23. To commit any crime under the laws of North Carolina.

Violators of this policy or patrons not complying with staff decisions regarding disruptive behavior are subject to removal from the library, and long-term loss of library privileges. Anyone refusing to leave the library premises when requested by library staff is subject to arrest and prosecution under trespass laws (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-134) of North Carolina.