



Mediapolis Public Library
Library Conduct Policy

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In order to prevent undue disruption of normal library activities, and in order to provide for the general welfare of all persons using the library and to provide for the general safety of all users of the Mediapolis Public Library, the following rules and regulations shall be and are made a matter of policy at the Mediapolis Public Library.

Conduct is prohibited that a) interferes with the rights of individuals to use library materials and services, b) interferes with the ability of library staff to conduct library business, or c) threatens the secure and comfortable environment of the library.

Prohibited conduct may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Behavior that endangers the safety or health of others.
- Willfully annoying, harassing, or threatening another person.
- Excessive loud talking, laughing, or making noise which is disturbing to staff or patrons.
- Talking loudly on a cell phone inside the library.
- Disruption of library procedures.
- Inappropriate dress.
- Use of abusive language.
- Vandalism or inappropriate use of library materials or property.
- Theft of library materials or the personal property of other patrons or staff members.
- The use of furniture for non-intended purposes.
- Playing of loud videos or music without the use of personal headphones or earbuds.
- Impeding access to the building or an area of the building or blocking book stack aisles.
- Bringing animals into the library, except as required by physically challenged persons, or authorized by the Director.
- Leaving personal items unattended. The library assumes no responsibility for items left unattended.
- Leaving bicycles blocking the library entrance.
- Entering the non-public or locked areas, unless accompanied by a staff member or through prior authorization from a staff member.
- Wearing shoes with rollers inside the building.
- Food and beverages are not permitted around the computer area.
- Tobacco use or vaping is prohibited on the property.
- Violation of local, state, or federal laws within the library.
- Leaving children under the age of 5 years unattended.
- Leaving trash or other messes for the staff to clean up.
- Bare feet and/or no shirt
- Other kinds of behavior deemed inappropriate by the Director or delegated staff member.