



Patron Behavior Policy

To provide an atmosphere that is comfortable, convenient, and conducive to the appropriate use of library services and facilities, the Board of Trustees of the Boyle County Public Library has adopted the following policy regarding behavior while on Library property.

The following actions are not permitted:

1. Any act or conduct that violates Federal, State, or local laws, ordinances, or regulations, or which violates Library policies
2. Engaging in conduct or conversation that threatens, disturbs, or provokes the disruption of normal library operations or a library patron's legitimate activities
3. Smoking, chewing tobacco, electronic and other alternative nicotine products, or any other usage of tobacco products in or near the library building
4. Possession or consumption of alcohol or any illegal substances
5. Selling of services or items, unless approved by the Library, or soliciting for services, money, or items
6. Posting or distributing printed materials that have not been approved by the Library
7. Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) the Boyle County Public Library welcomes patrons with service animals, subject to the Library's policies. No animals other than service animals are allowed in the Library building, unless part of a program or event sponsored by the Library or Library staff.
8. Using the library while barefoot, shirtless, or without outer clothing
9. Sleeping or loitering
10. Extremely poor hygiene which disturbs or interferes with Library patrons' or staff use of Library facilities
11. Damaging, destroying, or stealing any Library property or the property of Library employees or Library visitors

12. Adults using computers in the children's area or lingering in the children's area unless accompanying children

13. Misuse of restrooms, water fountains, or outdoor fountains (including but not limited to graffitiing, bathing, shampooing, shaving, or laundering)

14. Lack of supervision of a minor or vulnerable adult by a parent, legal guardian, or designated caregiver. Child safety guidelines are posted in the Children's Library. The final responsibility for the actions of minors and vulnerable adults rests with the parent or legal guardian or designated caregiver

15. Eating food in the building except under specific Library-approved circumstances. Drinks brought into the building are permitted in covered containers. Under no circumstances are food and drink permitted in the computer areas. Criteria for food and drinks in the Meeting Rooms are outlined in the Meeting Room Policy

16. Using electronic devices in any way that disturbs, disrupts, or hinders Library operations or any Library patron's legitimate activities. Usage of Library computers requires acceptance of and adherence to the Library's acceptable computer usage policy

Failure to comply with the Library's patron behavior policy may result in exclusion from the Library. Serious offenses, including theft, destruction of property, and physical violence or the threat of physical violence will result in the involvement of law enforcement and appropriate legal action.

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