

LIBRARY CONDUCT POLICY

Purpose Statement

It is the policy of the Auburn Public Library to provide a safe, comfortable environment that is conducive to the use of library facilities, resources, and equipment either by individuals or small groups. The library is designed for the use of all members of the public. Patrons are expected to observe the rights of other patrons and staff members and to use the library for its intended purposes.

Patron Responsibilities

A. Library patrons are expected to be engaged in the productive use of the library's resources and space. All library users and employees should be free of any threat of harm, invasion of property, or gross indignity.

B. These guidelines are not to be considered a rigid policy as each incident will have its own unique set of circumstances requiring judgement and flexibility.

C. No person shall engage in any conduct which disturbs or interferes with others' use of the library, including but not restricted to the following:

1. Willfully annoy, harass or threaten another person by staring, following, photographing, or stalking.
2. Interference with staff members' performance of duties on Library property. This includes engaging in conversation or behavior that monopolizes the attention of a staff member for an inappropriate period of time; making inappropriate personal comments, sexual advances, harassment of a physical and/or verbal nature; or refusing to comply with staff requests.
3. Behave in a disorderly, loud or disruptive manner.
4. Interfere with another person's passage within the library or on library grounds.
5. Be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances in a manner that causes public disturbance.
6. Deface or destroy library property.
7. Remain in the library outside regular business hours.
8. Solicit funds or panhandle.
9. Play audio equipment at a volume level that is disturbing to other users or library staff.
10. Use skates, skateboard or other sporting equipment in the library.
11. Campaign, petition, interview or survey patrons or staff in a manner that is disruptive to library activities.
12. Willfully expose patrons and staff to offensive images or language.
13. Use of cell phones that is disruptive to other patrons
14. Interfere with the maintenance of a clean, pleasant and safe library facility.