

BEHAVIOR POLICY

It is the policy of the Jesup 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.

BEHAVIOR NOT ALLOWED IN THE LIRARY:

- Any behavior that endangers the safety or health of others.
- Violation of any local, state or federal law.
- Vandalism or deliberate destruction of library properties. Patrons will be financially responsible for any destruction of library property.
- Deliberate disruption of library procedures (including the work of the staff.)
- Use of abusive language.
- Loud talking or laughing that disturbs or could disturb other patrons.
- Loitering in the building or on the grounds.
- Inappropriate dress (shirts and shoes must be worn at all times.)
- Roller blades or skate boards, etc. in the building, courtyard or parking area.
- Entry into PERSONNEL ONLY areas.
- Use of cell phones that is disruptive to other patrons.
- Any other disruptive behavior as determined by library personnel.

CONSEQUENCES:

In most cases, patrons who are behaving inappropriately in the library will be given one warning by the library supervisor of the day and asked to behave in an appropriate manner. Patrons who refuse to behave more appropriately after one warning will be asked to leave the library.

In the cases in which a patron poses a clear danger to themselves or others, deliberately violates the law, or refuses to leave the library after being asked to leave by the supervisor of the day, the police will be called to handle the situation.

In extreme cases where a patron is consistently disruptive every time she/he visits the library, the Director will bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Trustees who shall decide on any further action.

Adopted:

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