

Lyons Regional Library District Behavior Policy

Policy Statement:

Lyons Regional Library is designed to be a safe and comfortable place for all members of the public to use. Patrons are expected to observe the rights of other patrons and staff members. The Lyons Regional Library's Behavior Policy is intended to protect the rights and safety of library patrons and staff members, and to preserve and protect the library's materials, facilities, and property.

Definition and Scope:

Disruptive Behavior is generally defined as "any patron behavior that interferes with the normal operation of the library or which interferes with another patron's ability to use the library."

The Library Director and other staff members to whom the Director delegates the authority (and whom are on duty at the time) shall have the responsibility for enforcing the Behavior Policy and determining when behavior in the library is inappropriate.

Regulations:

The following types of disruptive behavior will not be tolerated in the library:

1. Any behavior that endangers the safety or health of others.
2. Any behavior that is willfully annoying, harassing or threatening to another person.
3. Use of abusive or intimidating language or gestures to patrons or staff members.
4. Loud talking, laughing, or using audio equipment or cell phones that disturbs or could disturb other patrons.
5. Violation of any local, state, or federal law to include engaging in any behavior that constitutes a crime.
6. Vandalism or deliberate destruction of library materials.
7. Theft of library materials or the personal property of other patrons and staff.
8. Taking library materials not yet checked out into the restrooms.
9. Soliciting of any kind and/or asking for signatures on petitions.
10. Monopolizing library resources or staff time.
11. Use of the library telephone for personal business, unless in an emergency or a request for transportation
12. Use of skateboards, roller blades, skate shoes, or scooters inside the library or on library property.
13. Inappropriate dress, such as bathing suits and wet clothing or not wearing a shirt or shoes in the library.
14. Loitering on the premises after closing

15. Use of alcohol (except when served at library events with the prior approval of the Library Director and Lyons Regional Library Board), smoking of any kind, or illegal substances in the library.
16. Eating or drinking beverages in the computer areas.
17. Poor hygiene that constitutes a nuisance.
18. Sleeping, lying down, napping or dozing
19. Other kinds of behavior deemed as disruptive or a nuisance by the Director or designated staff members.

Procedure:

Patrons who exhibit disruptive behavior in the library will be asked to follow the rules listed in the behavior policy. Further violations of the behavior policy will be handled by the staff on duty and could range from a warning to suspension from the facility; if necessary the police will be called.

In cases where a policy violation occurs involving a child age 17 and under, the staff will give the child two warnings. If the behavior continues, the Library Director will call and inform the parents that their child was asked to leave the library for a stated period of suspension and explain the circumstances. Parents of minor children may be held responsible for any damages caused to library materials or computers by their child.

If the child continues to cause disruptive behavior in the library, the child and parents or guardian must meet with the Director to review policy rules before the child can return to use the library.

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