

# **Patron Behavior**

## **RULES OF CONDUCT**

It is the policy of the McLean County Public Library to provide a comfortable environment that is conducive to the use of library materials 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 purpose.

The Board of Trustees of the McLean County Public Library has adopted the following policy regarding conduct. Any behavior or activity that interferes with legitimate library business will be prohibited. Persons who fail to observe the following guidelines may be asked to leave the library and library grounds or be subject to arrest.

### **The following kinds of behavior will not be allowed in the library or on library grounds:**

- **Failure to supervise a minor child, of whom you are a parent or legal guardian, so that he or she does not disturb other persons in the library or damage library property.**
- **McLean County Public Library strongly encourages adult supervision of all children under the age of 13. The library is a public building with no daycare services offered.**
- **Cell phones should be muted or set to “vibrate” upon entrance to library. No cell phone conversations will be allowed in the library.**
- **Any behavior that endangers safety or health.**
- **Violation of any local, state or federal law.**
- **Vandalism or deliberate destruction of library property or materials.**
- **Theft of library materials or the personal property of other patrons or staff members.**
- **Deliberate disruption of library services.**
- **The library phone is for staff and emergency use only. Patrons will not be allowed to make or receive calls on the library phone except in an emergency situation. “Calling In” and “Phone Checks” will not be allowed.**
- **Use of abusive language, loud talking or laughing that disrupts or could disrupt other patrons.**
- **No Smoking, eating, or drinking in library.**
- **Panhandling, soliciting and loitering will not be tolerated.**
- **Respect for other Library users and staff shall prevail at all times.**
- **Shoes and shirts are required at all times while using the Library.**

- **Sleeping is prohibited.**
- **Public restrooms may not be used for bathing.**
- **Use and possession of controlled substances, drugs or alcohol is prohibited on Library property.**
  
- **The Library maintains the right to inspect all packages of visitors entering or leaving the Library.**
- **The Library has the right to restrict visitors from entering the Library with large bundles, backpacks, carts, bicycles, or similar items.**
- **Anyone who refuses to leave the Library at the request of a staff member is guilty of criminal trespass and is subject to arrest and prosecution.**
- **The Library may take appropriate legal measures to enforce these behaviors or to prevent access to individuals who refuse to comply.**
- **These rules are not all inclusive of every behavior that will be regulated on library property. The McLean County Public Library reserves the right to prohibit any behavior or actions which we feel may be inappropriate or disruptive. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a pleasant atmosphere in the library.**