



Behavior

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Unattended Children

Library staff will not be responsible for supervising children in the library. Children ages 5 and under shall be directly supervised by an adult or responsible caregiver at all times. Children ages 6-10 must have an adult or responsible caregiver present in the library and monitoring the child's behavior. Disruptive behavior is not acceptable, and caregivers may be asked to remove their children from the library. For the purposes of this policy, a caregiver must be at least 14 years old.

Denial of Services

The use of the library or its services may be denied for due cause. Such cause may be failure to return books or to pay penalties, destruction of library property, disturbance of other patrons, discourteous or disrespectful behavior toward librarians, or any other conduct on library premises conflicting with the general purpose of the library. In the event of continued or wanton violation of regulations, the case may be dealt with individually by the Board.

The library may use the services of a collection agency if necessary. The matter will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Should it become necessary to take a patron to court or contact a collection agency for failure to pay fines or return library materials, the library staff is authorized to revoke permanently the patron's borrowing privileges; such revocation will be submitted to the Court to become a part of the Court record.

Any individual, for continued misuse or flagrant violation of the library borrowing regulations, may be subject to suspension of library use privileges for up to 90 days at the discretion of the Library Director.

If the staff becomes aware of an abusive use pattern by which a patron repeatedly refuses to return materials but pays for them as a means of building a personal collection or as a method of censoring the library collections, such case will be brought to the Library Board of Trustees for consideration of revocation of that patron's library use privileges.

Prosecution of cases of theft or mutilation of library materials will be considered on a case by case basis by the staff of the Library.