

## LOUTIT DISTRICT LIBRARY PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY

Loutit District Library supports the right of all individuals to use the library safely and without discrimination. In order to properly maintain a clean, safe, and comfortable environment for our patrons and staff, we ask that everyone adhere to the following rules and responsibilities:

- Obey all local, state, and federal laws. Obey all library policies and local ordinances. Stealing, defacing, or damaging library equipment, materials, or facilities is not allowed.
- Respect other customers and employees. Do not annoy or harass the other people using the library, engage in loud or disruptive conduct, or cause a public disturbance.
- Solicitation and loitering are not allowed.
- Parents and other adults accompanying minors are responsible for ensuring minors follow the library's policies and procedures.
- To protect personal belongings, do not leave unattended.
- Proper attire, including but not limited to, shirt and shoes, is required.
- The library is a smoke-free building.
- No pets are allowed in the library. Service animals are permitted.
- Offensive odor, including but not limited to odor due to poor personal hygiene or overpowering perfume or cologne, that causes a nuisance is prohibited.
- No trespassing. This includes the library when it is not open to the public or going into non-public areas when open.
- No public intoxication. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is not allowed.
- Knowingly brandishing a firearm, except as permitted by law for a police officer, is prohibited.
- Smoking or Tobacco use. Smoking, e-cigarettes, vaping, electronic nicotine delivery systems of chewing tobacco is prohibited inside the library and on library property.

Any person who does not adhere to these rules and responsibilities may be asked to leave library property, be denied library privileges, or be banned from the library. He or she can appeal this decision by contacting the library director or his/her designee. Violation of local, state, or federal laws may result in criminal prosecution.

Adopted: February 7, 2012 as *The Rules for Persons Using Library Facilities and Services and Penalty Procedures for a Violation of These Rules*

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