

Carroll Public Library Patron Conduct Policy

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The Library Trustees and Staff of Carroll Public Library strive to provide patrons with a facility that welcomes and encourages use. We are concerned, however, that inappropriate behavior will discourage use and impede patrons in their search for information and entertainment. As a result of that concern, the Trustees have adopted the following policy:

Loud or boisterous behavior, verbal or physical harassment, being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, running, fighting, emitting an offensive body odor, soliciting without authorization by the Library Director, voyeurism, sexual acts, and profanity are examples of prohibited acts. Patrons who engage in the aforementioned will be asked to leave. If they do not comply, staff may contact the police. Frequent violators risk the loss of library privileges.

Animals, except those trained to aid persons with disabilities, are not permitted in the Library, except as part of a Library-sponsored program.

Theft, vandalism and mutilation of library property are criminal offenses and violators will be prosecuted. The Library reserves the right to inspect all bags, briefcases, backpacks and other such items when the staff believes this rule has been violated.

Parents or other legal guardians are responsible for the behavior of their minor children in the Library.

The Library is not responsible for personal belongings left unattended.

Patrons using cell phones are encouraged to go to the lobby while making or receiving calls.

Your cooperation with our efforts to provide a safe and productive environment for all our visitors and patrons is greatly appreciated.