

Patron Conduct Policy

The mission of the Eaton Public Library is to provide professional library services and resources to meet the evolving educational, recreational and informational needs of the public.

The Patron Conduct Policy has been established by the Board of Trustees to promote an environment that welcomes all people in the community, and it is the patron's responsibility to assume necessary and respectful behavior standards.

Parents or guardians, not library staff, are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children. Preschool age children should not be left unattended and appropriate behavior is expected by all children while using the library.

In order to protect the patron's right of access, ensure the safety of the patrons and staff, and protect the library's resources and facilities, the Library restricts certain activities that the director or employees deem as unacceptable in the library. The following behaviors are prohibited:

- Activity that interferes with others' use and enjoyment of the library or with the functions of the library staff.
- Activities that present a health or security risk.
- Activities that will damage library property or the property of library users.
- Using library facilities for purposes other than those normally associated with a library.
- Conduct intended to offend others, including the use of threatening or offensive language.
- Actions that are prohibited by law.
- Eating or drinking outside of designated areas for food and drink.

Enforcement of these rules will be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner. Library staff and/or local law enforcement officers will intervene to stop prohibited activities. Failure to comply with the Patron Conduct Policy could result in the restriction or termination of library privileges and removal or expulsion from the library.

At any time, the director is not available, library staff are empowered to contact the police department for assistance in removing an individual who does not comply with this policy or places staff in an unsafe situation.

The Patron Conduct Policy will be posted on a bulletin board in the library and on the library website.

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