

## Behavior Policy

The Jerome Public Library facilities are available to persons of all ages. While everyone has an equal right to access library services and facilities, no person has the right to interfere with the ability of others to use and enjoy library resources, services, and facilities.

The following conduct will not be allowed on library property:

- Any activity in violation of federal, state or local law.
- Carrying firearms or dangerous weapons of any type, except by law enforcement officials.
- Smoking, vaping, chewing and other tobacco use.
- Running, pushing, shoving, or throwing objects.
- Using cell phones and pagers in a manner that disturbs other visitors.
- Verbally or physically threatening or harassing other visitors, library staff or volunteers, including stalking, touching, or using offensive language.
- Group activities that are disruptive to the library environment.
- Excessive displays of affection, obscene gestures, sexual acts, and indecent exposure.
- Physically blocking or impeding access to building entrances, aisles and equipment.
- Stealing, damaging, altering, or inappropriate use of library property, including computer hardware, software, printers, phones, and other equipment in the library facilities or on library grounds.
- Littering.
- Entering or being in the library barefoot, without a shirt, or with offensive body odor or personal hygiene that violates public health standards.

Except when permitted, food or drink will not be allowed in the library, excluding the meeting rooms.

All bags and other articles are subject to inspection by library personnel. The library reserves the right to limit the size and number of items brought into the library.

Library staff or Security personnel will intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. Failure to comply with the library's established standards of acceptable behavior may result in removal from the building and/or restriction of library privileges.

Approved by the Jerome Public Library Board of Trustees, dated 3/12/2008.

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