

Section 3. Patron Behavior

I. Code of Conduct (Amended 6/8/2023)

The Patron Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Board in an effort to provide an inviting atmosphere. The Library will not condone behavior that damages library property or materials, or disturbs the work of staff or library use of patrons. Stealing library property is prohibited. Library staff will ensure that all patrons abide equally by the guidelines stated in the code.

A. Any behavior disruptive to appropriate use of the library by staff or other patrons is prohibited.

B. All noise should be kept to a minimum volume. Cell phones are permitted, but conversations should not exceed normal conversational volume. Electronic devices and alarms should be set to vibrate or kept at a minimal volume.

C. Sleeping, bathing, and other domestic activities are prohibited. Lying on or propping feet on Library furniture is prohibited.

D. Shirts, shoes, and appropriate personal hygiene are required when using the library.

E. Smoking is prohibited on library property.

F. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are prohibited on library property. Overt signs of intoxication or drug use will result in eviction and notification to the proper legal authorities. G. Staff work areas are not open to the public.

H. Library telephones are not available to the public, except in the case of emergencies. In emergency use of Library telephones, Library staff will place the call.

I. Library patrons are responsible for personal items while using the library. All personal items should remain with the patron at all times. This Library will not be liable for lost or stolen items. Abandoned personal items will be held for a maximum of 30 days

J. Bicycles, shopping carts or large wheeled conveyances are not permitted in the Library building.

Wheelchairs, strollers and mobility devices are permitted if used as transportation or aid for an adult or child. Skates, skateboards, collapsible scooters, hover boards and other similar devices must be carried while on library property. Bicycles should be stored in bicycle racks.

K. Solicitation of all types is prohibited on library property.

L. Photography, sound recording, or filming on library property must cease at the request of any staff member.

M. Food is prohibited. Drinks are prohibited at computer work stations and in the Kansas Room. In other areas, drinks must be carried in a spill-proof container with a lid securely in place.

N. Any violation of this code may result in a permanent revocation of library privileges. Certain violations may result in criminal prosecution. Any use of the library assumes acceptance of the terms of this code.