



## Acceptable Behavior Policy

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The Greenwood Public library is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment conducive to the use and enjoyment of the library by its patrons and in furtherance of library's purpose to support and encourage the life-long educational, informational, cultural, and recreational pursuits of its citizens.

Patrons shall be engaged in activities associated with the use of a public library while in the building. Patrons not engaged in reading, studying, attending library programs, or using library materials or library resources will be asked to leave the building.

The following rules apply within the library or anywhere on library property:

- Patrons shall not interfere with the use of the library by other patrons, or interfere with library employees' performance of their duties.
- Patrons shall respect the rights of other patrons and shall not harass, annoy, or intimidate others through noisy, boisterous, or threatening activities or by behaving in any other manner which reasonably can be expected to disturb other persons.
- Patrons shall not utilize library property or other property that has been brought into the library by the patron or another individual in a manner that creates a safety hazard for library patrons.
- Shoes and shirts are required to enter the Library
- Smoking is not allowed in the library building or within 50 feet of any door into the library.
- In accordance with SEA 292, individuals using library property may carry firearms for which they possess a permit. However, firearms may not be displayed in a threatening manner or brandished at public meetings. Individuals who do not have permits for firearms or cannot produce them may be asked to leave the premises.
- Weapons including but not limited to the following are prohibited from being carried on library property: Knife, billy club, blackjack, nunchuks, throwing star, martial arts weapon, pellet or BB gun, paint ball gun, dart gun or electrical device designed to disable or incapacitate someone.

Violators will receive a warning and an opportunity to cease a behavior that violates this policy. Continued or repeated violations may result in suspension of library privileges for a duration commensurate with the severity of the offense, the patron's history of policy violations, and any other relevant factors. Patrons engaged in behaviors that pose a serious imminent risk to health or safety may be immediately expelled from the library without prior warning and with or without the assistance of library security or local law enforcement.

When possible, patrons who have their library privileges suspended will be provided with written notification stating the specific library policy violated and specifying the length of the suspension. Appeal requests may be made in writing to the library director. Further appeals may be made in writing to the library board.