

RULES OF LIBRARY BEHAVIOR

Patrons are expected to follow all library rules and policies.

The following behaviors are not permitted in the libraries of the Blackwater Regional Library:

- ◆ Any behavior that is disruptive or disturbing to others, including but not limited to, any patron, visitor, or library staff
- ◆ Eating and drinking in the library are prohibited except in designated areas, for certain programs under the supervision of library staff, in meeting rooms as indicated in the Meeting Room Policy, or a mother's right to breastfeed under Code of Virginia, Section 32.1-370 (2015).
- ◆ Sleeping
- ◆ Smoking, vaping or use of alcohol inside the library or outside of any public entrance
- ◆ Bathing, shaving or doing laundry in public restrooms
- ◆ Inappropriate attire (shirts, shoes, pants or shorts, dresses or skirts must be worn at all times)
- ◆ Using audio equipment, cell phones, or personal devices that can be heard by others
- ◆ Use of roller blades, roller skates, skateboards, or other sports equipment in the library or on library property
- ◆ Unsafe behavior
- ◆ Blocking aisles or doorways so that access to library materials and services is prevented
- ◆ Entering unauthorized workspaces or office areas
- ◆ Public intoxication or drunkenness
- ◆ Leaving children under the age of 10 unattended
- ◆ Causing a nuisance or loitering in the library or on library property Solicitation, sales or distribution of unapproved materials
- ◆ Trespassing

Failure to abide by these rules will result in the patron being asked to leave the library.

Use of the Internet access stations for any purpose, which interferes with the activities of the library or its network or is in violation of existing Federal and State Laws, including specifically child pornography and obscenity as proscribed in Title 18.2 Chapter 8 Article 5 of the Code of Virginia. Violation of the library's Internet use policies and guidelines may result in loss of Internet privileges and/or criminal charges. ◆

The following behavior is not permitted in the library buildings or on library property and may result in criminal charges:

- ◆ Loud, inappropriate, indecent, unlawful, abusive, aggressive, threatening or obscene language and/or behavior
- ◆ Vandalizing library books, materials, furniture or other property
- ◆ Illegally using or distributing any Controlled Substance as defined under the Controlled Substance Act, (21 U. S. C. 801 et seq.)
- ◆ Circumventing or attempting to circumvent the library security system
- ◆ Tampering with, altering, editing or damaging computer hardware and/or software
- ◆ Using library computing resources for illegal purposes
- ◆ Any Crime or Offense Against a Person as stated in 18.2 of the Code of Virginia
- ◆ No weapons allowed, except as permitted by law and as defined by the Code of Virginia, Section 18.2-287.4 and 18.2-308.A