

## **RULES OF PATRON BEHAVIOR**

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

- ◆ Behavior that is disruptive or disturbing to other patrons
- ◆ Eating and drinking in the library except in designated areas, or for programs under the supervision of library staff, or in meeting rooms as indicated in the Meeting Room Policy.
- ◆ Sleeping
- ◆ Smoking
- ◆ Bathing in public restrooms
- ◆ Inappropriate attire (shirts and shoes must be worn at all times)
- ◆ Using audio equipment that can be heard by others
- ◆ Use of roller blades, roller skates, skateboards, or other sports equipment in the library or on library property, except as approved by staff
- ◆ Blocking aisles or doorways so that access to library materials and services is prevented
- ◆ Entering unauthorized workspaces or office areas
- ◆ Intoxication
- ◆ Leaving children under the age of 10 unattended

***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, 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
- ◆ Sexual Misconduct
- ◆ 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

