

Subject: PATRON RESPONSIBILITIES POLICY

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PURPOSE: To establish acceptable behavior standards for library patrons.

SCOPE:

The Pinal County Library encourages the use of its facilities for reading, study, research, and the legitimate use of the Library's resources and services. The Library pledges to provide an atmosphere conducive to delivering library services to its patrons.

To further this goal, Library patrons are asked to conduct themselves in an orderly and considerate manner.

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

Any behavior that disrupts the orderly use of the Library is prohibited. This includes, without limitation, behavior that constitutes a nuisance, or presents a safety and/or security hazard or affects the ability of the Library staff to provide service to its patrons.

Smoking or use of any tobacco product is prohibited in the Library, including the use of e-cigarettes. Other prohibited behaviors include, without limitation, soliciting; sleeping; intoxication; card playing; littering; excessive noise; and abusive, profane, or offensive language and/or behavior which unreasonably interferes with other patrons' use of the Library. Eating and drinking are prohibited, except in designated areas.

Patrons are asked to dress appropriately; shoes and shirts are required. Personal phones and other electronic devices may be used only in such a manner that does not disturb other patrons or library staff.

Defacing or intentionally damaging Library property is prohibited, as is the theft and/or attempted theft of Library property or the property of patrons and staff, and may be subject to prosecution.

Bundles, packages, backpacks, briefcases, purses, and other containers may be subject to search upon entering or leaving the Library building in order to protect and preserve the safety and security of property and people using the Library. Patrons are asked not to bring large bundles into the Library.

Carts, dollies, bicycles, and skateboards are prohibited in the Library, without prior approval of Library staff.

Animals are not permitted in Library facilities with the exception of guide dogs, assistance dogs, and animals brought in for special programs.

Patrons who violate any of these guidelines will be given notice of this policy. A violation may result in a patron's expulsion from the Library, suspension of Library privileges, or criminal prosecution or other legal action, as appropriate.