



Rules of Conduct Policy

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It is the policy of the Bullitt County Public Library to provide a comfortable environment that is conducive to the use of library materials either by individuals or small groups. The Library was created and is made available for the use of all members of the public and, in exchange, patrons are expected to observe the rights of other patrons and staff members and to use the library for its intended purpose.

The Board of Trustees of the Bullitt County Public Library has adopted the following policy regarding conduct to ensure the comfort and security of all library patrons. Any behavior or activity that interferes with legitimate Library business will be prohibited. Persons who fail to observe the following guidelines may be asked to leave the library and library grounds, either for the remainder of the day or an extended duration, or be subject to arrest.

The following kinds of behavior will not be allowed in the library or on library grounds:

- Any behavior that endangers safety or health.
- Any behavior that is a violation of any local, state, or federal law.
- Being intoxicated or under the influence of drugs, chemicals, or other substances.
- Vandalism or deliberate destruction of library property or materials.
- Theft of library materials or the personal property of other patrons or staff members.
- Deliberate disruption of library services.
- Harassment of other patrons or library staff.
- Sleeping.
- Misuse of the restrooms, including but not limited to:
 - Shaving and/or washing clothing or person.
 - Smoking.
 - Stealing supplies.
- Loud talking, cell phone use, laughing, or the making of other noises that disrupts or could disrupt other patrons.
- Being offensive or a nuisance in language, action, or body odor to other patrons or staff.
- Smoking, eating, and/or drinking in areas not designated for these activities.
- Entering or staying in the library without proper attire which conforms to the standards of the community for public places, including shoes and shirts.
- Loitering.
- Soliciting, including but not limited to:
 - Selling goods and services.

- Distributing literature without proper approval.
 - Soliciting donations or otherwise raising funds.
 - Panhandling.
 - Political or other canvassing.
 - Religious proselytizing.
 - Circulating petitions.
 - Otherwise disturbing customers or the public for purposes of eliciting or influencing their opinions and associations, or promoting any causes other than those directly related and beneficial to the Library.
- Entering the library before or after hours without prior permission.
 - Trespassing in non-public areas.
 - Failing to supervise a child, of whom you are a parent or legal guardian, so that he or she does not disturb other persons in the library or damage library property.
 - Failing to provide proper supervision of children or adults in need of care.
 - Bringing animals in the library, with the exception of assistive/service animals or animals involved in library programs or events.
 - Bringing trash, articles with foul odor, or articles which impede or discourage the use of the library by others.
 - Bringing into the public area of the library, or possessing or controlling while in the public area of the library, any large bag or bags or other large items, including but not limited to suitcases, duffle bags, large backpacks, bedrolls, blankets/bedding, and plastic garbage bags. Diaper bags and bags measuring 10" x 16" x 24" or smaller are permitted.

These rules are not all inclusive of every behavior that will be regulated on Library property. The Bullitt County Public Library reserves the right to prohibit any behavior or actions which prove to be inappropriate or disruptive. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a pleasant atmosphere in the library.

Food and Drink:

Types of food and drink allowed in areas designated food and drink appropriate include:

- Non-alcoholic beverages in covered beverage containers with an opening no larger than that of a standard soda bottle
- Non-messy snack foods, such as fruits, vegetables, premade bars, or minimally-dusted chips

Types of food and drink not allowed in areas designated food and drink appropriate include:

- Beverages without lids
- Beverages in containers with large openings
- Messy snack foods, such as pudding cups or apple sauce
- Meals or components of meals, including items like fries, sandwiches, pizza, or leftovers

Organized Groups:

Visiting organized groups including minors must have an adult with them at all times. This includes school classes, day care groups, scout troops and outside groups using the library meeting rooms. An adult from the group must be present at all times to supervise the minors as they arrive before a program, during the program and as they leave after the program. The adult is responsible for the behavior of the minors in the group. The Library reserves the right to expel any group that does not adhere to the code of behavior.

Minors Accompanied By Adults:

It is the responsibility of the adult to ensure that the minors in their charge adhere to the stated code of behavior in the library. The library staff may politely ask the adult to correct the child if the child's behavior is disruptive. If the adult cannot control the child so the child's behavior falls within the code of behavior, or the child's behavior presents a threat to the safety of himself, to others, or library property, the adult and child may be asked to leave the library.

Staff may ask a patron to leave the library; may call for assistance from other staff, a parent or a guardian; may refer the child to a supervisor or to the Director; may call the police for assistance; and/or may, with approval of the supervisor and Director, suspend library privileges of any patron who is not appropriately respecting the Library, library staff, or library furniture or equipment.

Minors Alone:

Pre-school children should not be in the library without an adult or responsible sibling. The Library does not provide a babysitting service or act as does the school system, in loco parentis.

If a child's behavior threatens the safety of the child, of others, or of library property, and the parent or other adult responsible for the child is not present, the police will be called to take charge of the child.

Minors who are left alone and do not have anyone here to pick them up when the library is closing may be turned over to police custody for their own safety.