

Patron Behavior Policy

Any individual or group, which disrupts other users, the normal activities of the library, exhibits inappropriate behavior or refuses to follow the guidelines of library policy may be asked to leave the library facility. It is intended that library users shall be engaged in normal activities associated with the use of a public library while in the building, the branch, or the mobile library.

1. Inappropriate behaviors include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Loitering
 - b. Smoking
 - c. Sleeping
 - d. Gambling
 - e. Molestation
 - f. Solicitation
 - g. Intoxication
 - h. Running
 - i. Exhibitionism
 - j. Use of obscene language
 - k. Threats of violence/fighting
 - l. Damaging/abusing library property or property of others
 - m. Harassment of patron or staff
 - n. Performance of any illegal act
2. The Shelbyville-Shelby County Public Library Computer Use Policy describes other inappropriate behaviors associated with the use of the library computers.
3. Eating and drinking are prohibited in computer areas.
4. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times.
5. Users wishing to work together on a project, hold a meeting, or tutor on a regular basis should make arrangement to use a specified space since seating in the library is limited.
6. The following items may not be brought into the library building, branch or mobile library. The library is not responsible for damage or theft.
 - a. Bicycles – must be placed in the bicycle rack outside the front entrance of the library.
 - b. Roller blades/roller skates
 - c. Scooters
 - d. Laser pointers
 - e. Animals, except trained service animals or those invited as part of a library program.
7. Radios, CD players, and other similar items must be used with headphones or turned off while in the library.
8. Library users who exhibit inappropriate behavior will be warned once. If the behavior is repeated, the user will be asked to leave the library for the remainder

of the day. If an illegal activity is exhibited, the police will be called and the user may be subject to arrest and denied use of the library. Parents may be contacted if necessary.

9. Library users who repeatedly exhibit unacceptable behavior may have library use denied for an extended period of time, as determined by the Library Director and the Library Board of Trustees.

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