

Homer Public Library

User Conduct Policy

To better serve the library users, we have established rules and standards of acceptable behavior to ensure an environment conducive to library use. Library staff are responsible for maintaining a pleasant atmosphere, and a clean and safe building. Library patrons are responsible for behaving in an acceptable and courteous manner.

Patron behavior becomes unacceptable when it infringes on the rights of others. Unacceptable behavior includes any form of harassment which could result in physical, emotional, or mental injury to oneself or others. Unacceptable behaviors also include any action that could result in damage to the facilities, equipment or materials. Proper attire must be worn at all times, including shirt and shoes.

Violations of this Policy may result in a verbal warning, or in some cases, expulsion from the Library by a member of the Library staff. Failure to comply with the policy after being notified of a violation by a library staff member may result in law enforcement being summoned and violators being prosecuted in accordance with applicable ordinances or laws.

The Library staff may exclude from the use of the Library and/or withholding of Library privileges shall occur for a specified period of time based on the severity of the violation and the frequency and the number of prior violations and subject to the guidelines below. "Withholding Library privileges" is defined as meaning that an individual may not enter or use the Homer Public Library and may not use the services of the Homer Public Library.

The Library staff may exclude from the use of the Library and/or withhold Library privileges from any and all persons who shall violate this Policy. Such exclusion from the Library or withholding of Library privileges shall occur for a specified period of time based on the severity of the violation and frequency and the number of prior violations.

Any patron who loses library privileges as a result of this Policy may appeal the decision within five (5) business days to the Library Director, whose decision is final.

Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to:

1. Disorderly behavior of any kind, including excessive noise and/or noise that disturb others or boisterous physical behavior.
2. Harassment/physical, sexual, or verbal abuse, in any form, of other library users or library staff.
3. Engaging in behavior or language that is offensive, obscene or intimidating to others.
4. Abandoning or leaving young children (age 8 and under) unattended.
5. Abusing or vandalizing library facilities, equipment or material.
6. Drinking or eating near electrical equipment.
7. Use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs.
8. Roller blading and skating, scooters, and skateboarding inside the building
9. Leaving personal property in the library unattended. The library is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen property.
10. Violating the provisions of the In-House Internet Use Policy.

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Notice of User Conduct Policy Violation

Date: _____

Patron Name: _____

Patron Library Card Number: _____

Staff Member (please print) _____

Staff Member (sign) _____

This is notice that you have violated the Homer Public Library User Conduct Policy.

Your conduct (describe):

As a result of this violation, you are suspended from Library grounds for _____
Beginning _____, 20__ based on the severity of the violation and prior
violations, if any.

Copies to: Patron
Library Director
Parent or Guardian (if violator is a minor)
Board of Directors