



DARE COUNTY LIBRARY CODE OF CONDUCT

PURPOSE

To provide an environment in which all patrons may freely and safely use and enjoy the library, some expectations regarding patron conduct must be enforced. Patrons whose conduct is disruptive to library operations and other patrons' use of the library may have their privilege of using the library abridged or denied to the extent necessary to deal with the problem.

Persons may be asked to leave the library for the day. Further failure to observe this code will be grounds for denial of library privileges for longer periods of time. The police will be called when patrons refuse to leave the library after being asked to do so.

RULES

The Dare County library code of conduct prohibits engaging in any behavior that may reasonably interfere with the rights of other patrons to use the library. Conduct that may lead to denial of library privileges includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Behaving in a disruptive manner. This includes disorderly conduct, excessive noise or activity, whether intentional or inadvertently, that interferes with the rights of others to use the library.
- Talking loudly enough to disturb others.
- Playing radios or other audio equipment so that others may hear it.
- Threatening or harassing patrons or staff members either verbally or through actions.
- Damaging or defacing library material or property.
- Fighting on library property.
- Abusive or Obscene language.
- Sleeping.
- Smoking.
- Eating food or drinking beverages are not allowed except at meetings or special library programs when so designated by the library.
- Bringing animals into the library. Only animals trained to assist disabled individuals are permitted in the library.
- Soliciting or selling of any kind for personal gain or unauthorized charitable purposes.
- Distributing literature, taking surveys or asking individuals or employees to sign petitions.
- Doing anything that may be reasonably expected to result in the injury to self or others.

- Violating any federal, state or local ordinance on library grounds.
- Library patrons are responsible for their personal property. Items should not be left unattended.
- The public is not allowed behind the service desks or in other non-public areas without express permission of a staff member.
- All children in grades 5 and below must, at all times, be attended and adequately supervised by a parent, guardian or responsible adult (someone 16 or older) who remains in the library building.

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