



LIBRARY CODE OF CONDUCT

The Park County Library System provides free, open and equal access to ideas and information to all members of the community. All Library users share in the responsibility of maintaining an environment which allows the Library to serve the needs of all Library patrons. All patrons are expected to conduct themselves in such a way that the rights and privileges of others are not violated. Respect for the rights and needs of all library users must be maintained at all times and use of the library's materials will be supervised so that the broadest number of people can be well served. Patrons must act in a manner that does not interfere or deny others full and equal access to library materials and services. They shall be required to respect constituted authority, to conform to Library policy, and to obey those laws which apply to conduct in public places. This policy is designed to foster an atmosphere of mutual respect and courtesy and applies to all patrons, volunteers and staff while on library property.

While in the library, patrons should:

- Inform the staff if you need accommodation or if assistance is needed for your use of library services.
- Be responsible for the safety, well-being and conduct of children and others in your care.
- Cooperate with the requests of library staff.
- Explore all the different materials that are available at the library.

The following disruptive, unsafe, or disturbing behavior is prohibited in the library:

- Leaving children under the age of 8 or other persons in need of supervision unattended.
- Leaving children under the age of 8 with no caretaker in the building.
- Being under the influence of alcohol or a chemical substance.
- Smoking, including e-cigarettes.
- Fighting with other patrons or staff.
- Pushing, running, shoving, or throwing objects.
- Harassing or threatening others. This includes: pursuing unwanted conversation, impeding access to the building, following another patron with the intent to harass, or other actions which are reasonably perceived as hostile.
- Engaging in sexual conduct such as exposure, fondling, touching, verbal or other unwanted sexual advances or conduct to others.
- Talking loudly or excessively.
- Accessing non-public areas.
- Destroying library materials.
- Tampering with the arrangement of library materials to the extent that it would make finding the materials difficult for other patrons.
- Having offensive bodily hygiene or odor that constitutes a nuisance to others, i.e. an unreasonable or unwarranted obstruction or injury to the common right of all people to use and enjoy the library materials and services.

Consequences of Misconduct:

The Library Managers or their designees will apply these rules in a fair and equitable manner for the benefit of all. The consequences of misconduct may be any of the following: verbal warning, denial of access, eviction, loss of library privileges, or prosecution to the full extent of the law.

Patrons who are evicted, denied access or who lose library privileges may meet with the county librarian or her designee in an informal session to protest the eviction or loss of privilege. The patron shall be given notice of the reasons for the disciplinary action and an opportunity to respond, i.e. present his/her side of the story. The decision of the county librarian/designee shall be final and may not be appealed in any forum.

Furthermore, pursuant to Wyoming State Statute patrons are hereby advised of the following:

Wyoming Statute 6-6-302 – Obstructive or disruptive conduct within governmental facilities prohibited.

(a) No person, acting either singly or in concert with others, shall go into or upon facilities owned by, or under the control of, a governing body and obstruct or disrupt, by force, violence or other conduct which is in fact obstructive or disruptive, the activities conducted therein or thereon or the uses made thereof under the authority of the governing body. Obstructive or disruptive activities include restricting lawful:

- (i) Freedom of movement on or within a facility;
- (ii) And designated use of a facility;
- (iii) Ingress or egress on or within a facility.

Wyoming Statute 6-6-303 – Refusing to desist or remove oneself from facilities.

No person within or upon the facilities of a governing body shall refuse to desist from a course of conduct or to remove himself from the facilities upon request by an authorized representative of the governing body, after having been notified that the conduct or the presence of the person is contrary to or in violation of established policies, rules or regulations of the governing body which are reasonably related to the furtherance of the lawful purposes of the governing body and incident to the maintenance or orderly and efficient use of its facilities for the purposes for which acquired or designated.

Wyoming Statute 6-6-305 – Penalties for violations of article.

Any person violating any provision of W.S. 6-6-301 through 6-6-307 is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, or both.

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