

JOHN A STAHL LIBRARY

Patron Behavior Policy

The John A Stahl Library seeks to provide materials and services to the public in an environment that is safe, pleasant and conducive to comfortable Library use. The John A Stahl Library Board has established the following guidelines for behavior. Library staff members have been authorized to enforce these regulations. The staff may ask a patron to leave the Library premises and may call the police for noncompliance with these guidelines for behavior.

The following activities and behaviors are prohibited in the building:

1. Weapons and explosives are not allowed.
2. Engaging in conduct that disrupts or interferes with the normal operation of the Library, or disturbs Library patrons or staff, including but not limited to, conduct that involves the use of abusive or threatening language or gestures, conduct that creates unreasonable noise.
3. Defacing or injuring any Library materials or property.
4. Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs to the extent that one is unable to exercise care for one's own safety or the safety of others.
5. Soliciting or begging for money or other items, or selling any items.
6. Operating roller skates, skateboards or other similar devices in or on Library premises.
7. Drinking, eating, smoking or other use of tobacco. (Food and drink is allowed at Library functions and upon special request.)
8. Committing or attempting to commit any activity that would constitute a violation of any federal, state or local laws.
9. Interfering with other Library users' reasonable expectations of privacy.
10. Shaving, bathing or laundering clothes in public restrooms.
11. Throwing, running, climbing or playing sports.
12. Sleeping or lying on the floor, tables or chairs.
13. Challenging another person to fight or engaging in any fight.

14. Failure to wear shirt/top, pants/skirt and shoes.
15. Presenting offensive and pervasive odor or odors which constitute a nuisance to other patrons or staff.
16. Using audible devices without headphones or with headphones set at a volume that disturbs others. Using cell phones, pagers and other communication devices in a manner that disturbs others. It is suggested that ringers should be turned off or on vibrate.
17. Animals prohibited. (Exceptions made for service animals or for Library functions.)

Enforcement of these rules will be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner. Library staff will intervene to stop prohibited activities. Failure to comply with the Library's policies could result in removal from the premises and expulsion from the Library for a period of one day to one year or in arrest and prosecution. Violations could also result in restriction of Library privileges. Expulsion for more than one week may be appealed in writing to the John A Stahl Library Board.

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