

Rules of Conduct Wahoo Public Library

This public library is supported by the City of Wahoo property tax dollars. Every patron and visitor has a right to expect the facility to be a clean, pleasant and safe place. To best serve all library users, certain standards and rules of library behavior have been established. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it impinges on the appropriate use of the library by others, when it could result in injury or when it could result in damage to property.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AT THE LIBRARY OR ON LIBRARY PREMISES INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

PERSISTENT NOISE OR TALKING: People using radios, music devices such as I-Pod's MP3 players etc., in the library must also use earphones. Cell phone usage should be limited to the lobby area. Patrons are asked to assist in keeping noise levels at a minimum.

PHOTOGRAPHING/VIDEORECORDING: Taking photographs or videos of library users or staff without their permission, in the case of minors, permission must come from the parent or legal guardian.

LOITERING, CONGREGATING OR SKATEBOARDING on library property.

Bringing **ANIMALS** into the library, unless needed to provide handicap assistance. Animals may be permitted for special library programs approved by the Librarian.

Bringing **COASTING VEHICLES, BEDROLLS, BLANKETS**, and other excessive baggage into the library.

Bringing **FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS** onto the library property

EATING & DRINKING is allowed in designated areas, **SMOKING, TOBACCO CHEWING AND GAMBLING** are all prohibited in the library.

Possession of or intoxication from **ALCOHOL OR DRUGS**. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted on library premises.

UNRULY OR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE OR BEHAVIOR: Physical, sexual, or verbal harassment or abuse will not be tolerated.

IMPROPER USE OF RESTROOMS: Rest rooms are not to be used for bathing, washing clothing or other personal items, sleeping, food preparation, etc.

REFUSAL TO LEAVE THE LIBRARY at closing: Library staff will notify patrons ten minutes prior to closing. All patrons are expected to vacate the library and premises at closing. Only authorized personnel or persons attending a meeting or function at the library may remain on the premises after closing.

SOLICITATION is not permitted on library premises.

INAPPROPRIATE ATTIRE: Appropriate attire must be worn in the library, including shirts and shoes. Specialized sport shoes or other apparel that may cause damage to library property is not permitted.

UNATTENDED CHILDREN RULES: Section 51-212 of the Nebraska Statutes specifically gives public libraries the power to regulate use of the library and to exclude from the library persons who violate or refuse to comply with the library's rules and regulations.

- Any child under the age of seven years shall be attended (remain in sight of) and supervised by, either a parent/guardian or by a responsible chaperone: an adult or adolescent.
- Children may be left unattended at scheduled library programs. The responsible person should plan to be at the library when the program concludes. Children with special needs, related to physical or mental ability shall be attended at all times.
- The Wahoo Public Library assumes no responsibility for injuries to unattended children on library premises.

CONSEQUENCES OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR IN THE LIBRARY & ON LIBRARY PREMISES:

Other than matters involving injury, significant damage to property or deliberate confrontations with staff, in which penalties shall be determined by the library director on a case by case basis, persons violating the rules of conduct shall be subject to the following penalties:

- Patrons who fail to adhere to the rules will receive one warning. Failure to comply with the warning will result in the library user being asked to leave the library premises for the remainder of the day. If the violation occurs within 2 hours of library closing, then violators will be barred from the library for the entirety of the following day.
- Patrons who fail to adhere to the rules a second time within two weeks after being evicted from the library a first time will be warned once and in the event of further violation will be barred from the library and library premises for a period of one month.
- Patrons who fail to adhere to the rules a third time within two months after being evicted from the library a second time will be barred from the library and library premises for a period of six months.
- Restitution for damaged property may be required as a condition for re-admittance to library facilities.
- Appeals of any penalty imposed may be made in writing to the library director or her representative. If the appeal is not satisfactorily resolved, appeal may be made to the library board at its next regularly scheduled board meeting. Decisions by the library board are final.
- Library staff is directed to report violations of the ordinances to the City of Wahoo or the laws of the State of Nebraska to the appropriate law enforcement.
- Patrons should be aware that the library is under security camera surveillance. Taking photographs or videos of library users without their permission
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