

Alexandria-Monroe Public Library

Patron Behavior Policy

Welcome to the Alexandria-Monroe Public Library. We ask your cooperation in maintaining an environment conducive to reading, studying and information gathering, as well as providing for the enjoyable use of the library for every patron. These rules are posted to protect the health, safety, welfare and rights of all patrons.

Patrons, however, are responsible for their behavior, the behavior of their children, and personal items.

THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON LIBRARY PROPERTY:

- Damaging, misusing, monopolizing or vandalizing library facilities or equipment.
- Removing library materials without properly checking them out.
- Abandoning, leaving, neglecting, or not properly supervising children
- Harassing other library users or library staff including, but not limited to, excessive conversation, unwelcome advances or verbal, physical or sexual abuse.
- Possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal controlled substances.
- Using tobacco products, having food or drink in restricted areas, or sleeping.
- Using personal electronic equipment (including cell phones) that is audible to others.
- Selling, soliciting, panhandling or otherwise approaching patrons or staff members with items for sale or pleas for donations without prior Director approval.
- Distributing or posting printed materials without prior Director approval.
- Using bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades or scooters in the library.
- Blocking any entrance, aisle, or exit or improperly exiting the building.
- Bringing in any animals except service dogs without prior Director approval.
- Using restrooms improperly, including but not limited to, bathing or shaving.
- Entering building without shoes and/or shirt.
- Refusing to vacate building at closing or habitually hindering proper building closure.
- Entering office/workroom areas unless invited by a staff member or with prior written permission from the Director.
- Creating a disturbance by loud or aggressive behavior, running, profanity, indecent or obscene language or gestures, or abusive language.
- Engaging in any indecent or obscene conduct or making any indecent exposure of one's person.
- Failure to adhere to and abide by other established library policies or rules such as computer rules and internet use policies.
- Engaging in acts which are subject to prosecution under criminal codes of law.