



Walton County Public Library System
Acceptable Behavior Policy

Mission Statement

To provide Walton County residents, visitors and businesses with information to meet their business, educational, and personal needs.

While on library property, library patrons are expected to respect the rights and privacy of others and to respect and properly maintain library property. Patrons shall comply with requests by library staff who may intercede to prevent offensive, disruptive, illegal, or dangerous behavior. Behavior that is unacceptable in all branches of the library include, but are not limited to:

- Excessive noise, running or other boisterous and disruptive behavior
- Audible ring tones, music, or conversations from mobile devices
- Abandoning and leaving unsupervised children in the library under the age of twelve
- Child abuse in any form
- Physically or verbally assaulting, threatening, intimidating, harassing or abusing any other person
- Having open food packages or open drink containers in the library except as authorized
- Bringing in animals, except for those to assist the disabled or law enforcement, or as part of an approved library program
- Gambling
- Soliciting others on library premises
- Smoking in the library or within 15 feet of a library building
- Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- Mistreatment or vandalism of library facilities, materials, or equipment
- Indecent exposure
- Entering the library without wearing a shirt or shoes, or with bodily hygiene constituting a nuisance to other persons
- Washing clothes or bathing, except for washing of hands and face
- Refusing to leave at closing time

Anyone violating these Rules of Behavior may be asked to leave the library premises.

Anyone failing to leave the premises when requested to do so may be charged with criminal trespass under Florida Statutes, Chapter 810.08 (1)

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