



## **POLICY**

### **Carroll County Public Library**

#### **Behavior Policies**

Enjoy the library and respect its use by others.

The Board of the Carroll County Public Library has established rules of behavior that customers must adhere to when in a library branch or on library property. These rules serve to make the library a welcoming and safe place for customers, maintain a safe workplace for staff and volunteers, and preserve and protect the library's materials and facilities. It is vital to the wellbeing and safety of customers and staff that visitors follow the directions of staff, especially in emergency situations.

Please help us by adhering to the following rules of conduct when visiting the Carroll County Public Library

- Follow the rules for library computer use as outlined in the Internet Use Agreement.
- Come to the library fully clothed, including shoes and shirt.
- Keep food and beverages in designated areas.

Please do not:

- Behave, talk, or use electronic equipment in a manner that causes a significant disturbance to others.
- Block entrances, exits, aisles or any other space designed for customers to access the library's collections or services.
- Run, push, jump, or climb.
- Leave children under age 8 unattended. The library is not responsible for unattended children. Children under age 8 must be directly supervised by a responsible caregiver aged 13 years or older, as dictated by Maryland state law, at all times, in all areas of the library, and on its grounds.
- Leave personal belongings unattended in the library.
- Use bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, or other sports equipment in the building or on library grounds.
- Damage library equipment and materials.
- Bring pets inside the library (with the exception of service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act), except as allowed by library-approved events.
- Use or handle tobacco or cannabis products, including use of e-cigarettes, vaping products, or alcohol on library property.
- Act in ways that disrespect, harass, or threaten other library users or library staff.
- Possess or use weapons such as knives, guns, and stun guns except as permitted by law.
- Solicit, petition, distribute material, or ask for money inside or outside of the library except as approved by the library.
- Sleep in the library or on library property.
- Commit or attempt to commit any action that is a violation of federal, state, or local laws.

Customers violating these rules or otherwise disturbing the well-being and safety of others will be asked to leave the library property and police may be called.

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