

Behavior Policy

1. The Perry Public Library is designed for the use of all members of the public. Patrons are expected to observe the rights of other patrons and staff members and to use the library for its intended purposes.
2. The Staff has responsibility for enforcing discipline within the library.
3. The Staff determines when behavior is inappropriate in the library.
4. Response to inappropriate behavior should be immediate.
5. The following kinds of behavior will not be allowed in the library:
 - a. Any behavior that endangers the safety or health of others.
 - b. Violation of any local, state or federal law within the library.
 - c. Vandalism or deliberate destruction of library material.
 - d. Theft of library materials or the personal property of other patrons or staff members.
 - e. Deliberate disruption of library procedures.
 - f. Use of abusive language at other patrons or the staff.
 - g. Deliberate use of the library for inappropriate purposes; e.g. sleeping.
 - h. Loud talking or laughing which disturbs or could disturb other patrons.
 - i. Eating or drinking in areas not designated for these activities.
 - j. Inappropriate dress.
 - k. Smoking in any area.
 - l. Other kinds of behavior deemed inappropriate by the staff.
6. Procedure.
 - a. Warning. In most cases, patrons who are behaving inappropriately in the library will be given one warning and asked to behave in an appropriate manner.
 - b. Expulsion. Patrons who refuse to behave more appropriately after one warning will be asked to leave the library.
 - c. Calling the police. In cases where patrons pose a clear danger to themselves or others, or where there is deliberate violation of the law, or refusal to leave the library after being asked to leave by the staff, the staff is authorized to call the police.