

HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Patron Behavior Policy

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Policy Statement

1. All persons have free access to the Library during the hours it is open and the right to the reasonable use of its facilities and services. The Library, however, expects reasonable behavior from its users. Anti-social or problem behavior may infringe upon the rights of others in the use of the Library. It is the policy of the Library to maintain a safe facility, free from any threat of physical violence, emotional abuse, or any form of intimidation.
2. The following guidelines will apply to all patrons:
 - Respect for other Library users and staff shall prevail at all times.
 - Talking shall be limited to quiet tones and low voices.
 - Begging, soliciting, or gambling is not permitted.
 - Consumption of food and beverages in the public areas of the Library is prohibited.
 - No tobacco use is allowed inside the Library.
 - Shoes and shirts are required at all times while using the Library.
 - Sleeping is prohibited.
 - Public restrooms may not be used for bathing.
 - No animals are permitted, except those assisting persons with disabilities.
 - Use and possession of controlled substances, drugs or alcohol is prohibited on Library property.
 - Criminal mischief to Library property is not permitted.
 - No person (excluding on duty police officers) may bring any type of weapon, explosive, or destructive material onto Library property.
3. The Library maintains the right to inspect all packages of visitors entering or leaving the Library.
4. The Library has the right to restrict visitors from entering the Library with large bundles, carts, bicycles, or similar items.
5. Anyone who refuses to leave the Library at the request of a staff member is guilty of criminal trespass and is subject to arrest and prosecution.
6. The Library may take appropriate legal measures to enforce these behaviors or to prevent access to individuals who refuse to comply.

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