

Douglas Public Library Patron Behavior Policy

In order to provide a comfortable and safe environment for all patrons, staff, and volunteers, and in order to protect the property and assets of the library, the following behaviors are not permitted when on the premises of the Simon Fairfield Public Library. Depending on the severity, violation of these rules of conduct can result in the temporary or permanent revocation of any or all library privileges by the library director. Appeals can be made before the board of trustees at monthly board meetings.

- Disruptive behavior, such as creating loud noises, loud talking, screaming, or cursing.
- Possession of weapons unless authorized by law.
- Entering into the Library attired in a manner as to be disruptive to the environment.
- Having offensive body odor that interferes with other patrons' ability to use the library.
- Leaving personal items unattended.
- Neglecting to provide proper supervision of children (See Child Safety Policy)
- Inappropriate use of library property.
- Engaging in any activity in violation of the computer use policy.
- Gambling.
- Using audible devices set at a volume that disturbs others.
- Littering.
- Smoking, chewing, or other tobacco or vaporizer use.
- Failing to comply with a staff request to cease behavior that interferes with the effective functioning of the library.
- Verbally or physically harassing/threatening other patrons, volunteers, or staff.
- Being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- Damaging or defacing Library property.
- Possession or use of alcohol or any other controlled substance.
- Assault, fighting, or challenging to a fight.
- Refusing to leave the library when asked by staff.
- Offensive touching, sexual acts, or indecent exposure.
- Trespassing in nonpublic areas of the library.
- Engaging in any behavior that would constitute a felony under applicable law.