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Behavior Policy Gutekunst Public Library

Library users are responsible for complying with the Library's rules and for following instructions from Library Staff in regards to those rules.

Failure to abide by the Behavior Policy may result in expulsion or police action or may become the basis for criminal charges and/or restitution pursuant to Section 723.4 of the *Iowa Code*.

The Library does not allow in the building, except in designated areas:

- Eating
- Beverages
- Pets or other animals unless necessary for assisting individuals with disabilities or part of a Library sponsored program
- Patrons without shirts or shoes
- Bookbags or backpacks

The Library does not allow in the building or on its premises:

- Trespassing in nonpublic or unauthorized areas
- Any disruptive behavior which interferes with the use or enjoyment of the Library, or which causes distress to patrons or staff, including, but not limited to, running, yelling, loud voices, horseplay, climbing, harassing, stalking, throwing objects or excessive displaying of affection
- Loitering, by individuals or groups, that interferes with the use or enjoyment of the Library, causes distress to patrons or staff, or which intimidates, blocks or interferes with patron access to or exit of the building
- Smoking or use of other tobacco products
- Distributing literature, gathering signatures, soliciting or conducting surveys
- Illegal behavior as in violation of Federal Law, State Law or City Code
- Misuse of bathrooms
- Abusive language or threatening gestures
- Fighting or other violent behavior
- Alcohol, illegal drugs, or persons intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or chemicals
- The use of skateboards, bicycles, scooters or rollerblades
- Vandalism, misuse or moving of Library materials, equipment, furniture or supplies
- Neglect of bodily hygiene to the point where it is offensive and constitutes a nuisance to others