

# **Alamance County Public Libraries**

## ***Behavior Policy***

It is the policy of Alamance County Public Libraries to maintain in the library a quiet, pleasant environment conducive to serious study as well as casual use.

Library users and staff have a right to assume that visits to the library will be free from harassment, physical discomfort, danger, and psychological stress. The library considers the following to be unacceptable behavior:

- 1) Loud conversation, laughter or noise that is disturbing to others. This includes children's behavior. Parents are expected to monitor their child's behavior.
- 2) Leaving young children unattended. A responsible adult must supervise young children. See Alamance County Public Libraries' Safe Child Policy for further information.
- 3) Using obscene or abusive language or behavior.
- 4) Using audible devices without headphones, or with headphones set at a volume that disturbs others. Using cell phones, pagers, and other communication devices in a manner that disturbs others. Cell phone and pager audible ringers must be turned off.
- 5) Blocking or interfering with the free movement of individuals.
- 6) Bringing animals or pets, except for service animals, into the library.
- 7) Smoking, or any other use of tobacco products in the library or within 10 feet of the library entrance.
- 8) Bringing/consuming food or beverages in the library.
- 9) Showing explicit signs of affection.
- 10) Verbally or physically threatening or harassing other patrons, volunteers, or staff, including stalking, staring, lurking, offensive touching, and obscene acts.
- 11) Use of restrooms for meetings, loitering, bathing, solicitation, or any other misuse of restroom facilities. Taking library materials into restrooms.
- 12) Consuming, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- 13) Sleeping in the library.
- 14) Bringing large duffel bags or other large bags or containers into the library.
- 15) Use of library telephones by any person other than library personnel.
- 16) Distributing or posting printed materials not approved by the library.
- 17) Soliciting, panhandling, or selling of any kind on library property.
- 18) Theft of library materials, equipment or furnishings. Intentionally destroying, damaging, or defacing library materials, furnishings, equipment, or any part of the facility or fixtures.
- 19) Entering the library barefooted, without a shirt, with a shirt unbuttoned or unzipped, or being otherwise attired so as to be disruptive to the library environment.
- 20) Use of heavy perfumes, scented oils, or other body odors that may be at an offensive level.
- 21) Carrying weapons of any sort by an individual except law enforcement officers.
- 22) Trespassing in staff and other nonpublic areas. Being in the library without permission of an authorized library employee before or after library operating hours.
- 23) Displaying other behaviors inappropriate in a public library setting.

Violators of this policy may be subject to restrictions on the use of the library up to and including permanent exclusion from all library facilities and grounds, as well as legal action.