

KEWANEE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR POLICY

It is the policy of the Kewanee Public Library District to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to the safe, comfortable use of the library facilities by all members of the community. Individuals are expected to observe the rights of other patrons and staff members and to use the library, building and furnishings for their intended purposes.

Therefore, the following kinds of behavior will not be allowed in the Library or on library property:

- Any behavior that endangers the safety or well-being of others
- Violations of any local, state or federal law while in the Library
- Vandalism or deliberate destruction of library property
- Theft of library materials or the personal property of patrons or staff members
- Use of abusive language
- Harassment of any kind (including verbal, physical or visual)
- Bringing non-assistive animals into the Library except those used for a library sponsored program (animals must be under the full custody and control of their handler at all times)
- Damaging or altering any computer system hardware or software configurations
- Any loud or disruptive behavior or activity
- Use of tobacco or alcohol in the Library or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Refusing to follow the reasonable directions of library staff
- Excessive body odor/perfume/cologne
- Defying proper attire requirements
- Engaging in any sexual behavior or activity
- Eating or drinking in areas not designated for these activities
- Entering non-public areas of the Library without permission or remaining in the library building after closing

In most cases, patrons who are behaving inappropriately in the Library will be given one warning by a staff member and asked to behave in an appropriate manner. Individuals who refuse to behave more appropriately after the warning will be asked to leave the Library.

In cases in which an individual poses a clear danger to him/herself or others, deliberately violates the law or refuses to leave the Library after being asked to do so, the police will be called to handle the situation (non-emergency number).

Minors who are being disruptive shall be asked to leave after one warning. If the minor is accompanied by an adult, the adult will be asked to remove the minor from library property.

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