Patron Conduct Policy

The Perry Public Library is committed to providing a safe and pleasurable experience for all of our patrons. Any behavior that is found to be disruptive to other patron's enjoyment of the library is prohibited. Such behavior might include but is not limited to:

1. Loud or boisterous behavior
2. Profanity or other abusive language toward other Library patrons or staff
3. Abusing library furniture, equipment, restrooms or materials
4. Harassing others. Harassment may include, but is not limited to, initiating unwanted conversation, making unwanted advances, or other actions that another individual reasonably perceives to be hostile, threatening or offensive
5. Fighting
6. Using tobacco or e-cigarettes and vaping
7. Buying or selling for personal or commercial gain
8. Soliciting other patrons for funds, including panhandling or begging, or support, including signing petitions or conducting surveys
9. Using media at a volume that can be heard by others (including phones)
10. Not wearing appropriate clothing, including shoes
11. Extreme odor or other strong smell that disturbs others or effects library furniture

If a patron is found to be in violation of any of these rules they will be given a verbal warning. If the behavior isn't corrected, the patron will be asked to leave the library. If the patron refuses to leave the library, the proper authorities will be called. If a patron has to be warned or removed regularly (i.e. more than three times in three months), they will be barred from the library for a period of time to be determined by the library director. If behavior is so egregious as to violate the law, or patron and staff safety, the library director may ban the patron without warnings.

Any patron warnings will be recorded by the library staff and kept on file.

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