



Behavior Policy

The Staunton Public Library is committed to providing a safe and inviting space for all visitors. Our behavior policy is based on the concept of being a good neighbor to others who share the library space. For the comfort and safety of library visitors, volunteers, and staff, and the protection of Library property, we ask you to please:

1. Comply with the direction of a library staff member or law enforcement officer.
2. Obey all federal, state or local laws and Library policies.
3. Visiting while under the influence of any controlled substance or intoxicating beverage and the sale, use, or possession thereof is prohibited.
4. Be respectful of other people using the library. Don't engage in behavior that interferes with the normal operation of the library, or disturbs library staff or other visitors' normal use of the facility (including but not limited to: verbally or physically harassing or threatening other patrons, volunteers, or staff by staring, touching, using offensive language, boisterous behavior, bullying, or other activities).
5. Be a good steward of the facility and collections. Willful damage to or the unauthorized removal, altering, or inappropriate use of library property is not allowed.
6. Dress appropriately: shirts and footwear are required at all times.
7. Avoid visiting with extreme body odor or other strong scents that can be detected by a reasonable person from six (6) feet away and/or disturbs other library users.
8. Keep our facility smoke and tobacco-free. Do not smoke or use tobacco-delivery products, including electronic cigarettes, in the building or beyond the designated areas outside of the library.
9. Leave your pets at home. ADA-approved service animals are always welcome as are animals visiting as part of a library-sponsored event.
10. Help keep our facility clean. Do not consume food or drink that creates a nuisance or disrupts library use because of odor, garbage, or spills. Non-alcoholic beverages in covered containers are allowed.

Library staff members have the authority to intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. Failure to comply with the Library's established standards of acceptable behavior may result in one's removal from the building and/or restriction of Library privileges.