



Policies and Procedures
Policy 0017

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PURPOSE

The Stevens County Rural Library District (SCRLD) welcomes every member of the community to use and enjoy the Library System's facilities, collections, programs and services. Because libraries are public places designed to serve people of all ages with a wide range of interests, this policy defines prohibited behaviors that could be expected to interfere with the safe, secure, pleasant and respectful use of SCRLD libraries.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

- 1. No one has the right to interfere with anyone else's right to use the library.
2. Library patrons using the District's Internet are subject to the library's Electronic Information Access policy. Specifically, as an Internet user, you must:
- Upon request by a staff member, stop viewing any site that creates a hostile environment for other patrons or staff.
- Never harass others with prints, images or messages.
- Access and print only legal material and conduct only legal activity.
- Remember, when making choices about the sites you view, the library is a public place and the sites you are viewing may be visible to the public.
- Adhere to daily wifi data usage limits that may be imposed by staff.
- Use sound-muffling headphones or mute sound to avoid disturbing others.
- Never block aisles, exits, access to library materials, exhibit cases or other resources.
3. Library customers shall engage in activities associated with the use of a public library. Patrons not reading, studying or using library materials or equipment may be required to leave the library building or space.
4. The library staff will apply all local ordinances and state laws which govern interactions with staff, behavior in public places, or defacement, theft and vandalism of public property, including library materials.
5. Children under 9 must be supervised by a person 12 years or older.
6. Activities that unreasonably interfere with others' use and enjoyment of the library will not be allowed. Examples of behaviors and activities that are not allowed include, but are not limited to:
- Use of hostile or aggressive language or gestures
- Loud talking or boisterous physical behavior
- Use of e-cigarettes
- Use of electronic or communication devices in a manner that is disruptive to others
- Wearing of insufficient clothing (e.g. no top, no bottom, no shoes) while in the library
- Bodily hygiene or scent so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to others
- Interfering with the free passage of staff or patrons in or on library premises
- Any wholesale, retail, service or similar activity that could result in the exchange of money or offer monetary gain to the person(s) distributing the product or service
- Requesting money, credit, goods or merchandise for any purposes
- Bringing animals other than service animals into the library
- Displaying print or non-print materials of an offensive nature to others

- Using library materials, equipment, fixtures, furniture, buildings or grounds in any manner that:
 - Is inconsistent with normal library uses (e.g. bathing, shaving, washing clothes)
 - Can be expected to damage library property or the property of others
 - Is likely to cause personal injury to one's self or others (e.g. skateboarding in the library)
- Any observable behavior that is prohibited by law, including but not limited to:
 - Smoking in the library or within 25 feet of the library
 - Viewing or printing illegal materials (e.g. child pornography)
 - Selling or using alcohol or drugs
 - Threatening or harassing behavior (e.g. fighting or threatening to fight, brandishing a weapon, stalking, verbally threatening to harm others or their property)
 - Assaulting staff or other patrons
 - Sexual misconduct or harassment (e.g. exposure, offensive touching, sexual acts)
 - Theft of library materials or items belonging to staff and/or other library users

Library staff will intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. Failure to comply with any SCRLD policies could result in restriction of library privileges, immediate removal from the premises, exclusion from the library for a period of one day to one year, or in arrest and prosecution.