

DAVENPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Davenport Public Library's Behavior Policy exists to protect the rights and safety of library patrons and staff, and to preserve the library's materials, facilities, and property.

The Davenport Public Library is governed by Chapter 392.5 of the Code of Iowa, and Chapter 2.72 of the Davenport City Code. The Davenport Public Library is an independent agency of the City of Davenport and is governed by a Board of Trustees which is appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. These codes authorize the Library Board of Trustees the right to establish rules and regulations of conduct for public use of the library and to prohibit certain kinds of conduct within the library and on library property.

The Davenport Public Library is open to all members of the public. Patrons are expected to observe the rights of the patrons and staff members and to use the library for its intended purposes. Through the authority of the Board of Trustees, library staff members will determine inappropriate behavior and actions and will take immediate action, which vary depending on severity but can range from a warning to loss of library privileges. Examples of prohibited activities include but are not limited to:

- Any behavior that endangers the safety or health of self and/or others
- Harassment of staff or patrons
- Vandalism or destruction of Library materials
- Sleeping
- Unattended belongings
- Fighting, climbing, or running in the library
- Creating disruptive noise, including loud voices or devices
- Excessive display of affection
- Using restrooms inappropriately, including bathing, shaving, or laundering
- Bringing any animals into the building except for service animals
- Soliciting, petitioning, panhandling, or gambling
- Eating or drinking in areas not designed for these activities
- Inappropriate dress, including bare feet or no shirt
- Entering staff-only areas of the building

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