

DAVENPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY Behavior Policy

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In accordance with Iowa Code §392.5 and Davenport City Code §2.72, the Davenport Public Library Board of Trustees has the authority to establish rules and regulations governing conduct within The Library and its grounds and property. The Board acknowledges that public libraries are dedicated to supporting community members in their pursuit of knowledge and information through reading, material selection, research, study, and participation in Library programs and community events. The Board also affirms that The Library serves as a limited public forum and is intended for activities aligned with its mission and purpose. This Policy aims to maintain a respectful and orderly environment that encourages all patrons to exercise their constitutional rights to access information and resources freely.

PROVISIONS

1. Activities conducted on Library premises must align with The Library's mission and purpose. Disruptive or inappropriate behavior that undermines The Library's objectives is prohibited.
2. Board policies apply to all patrons, volunteers, and employees while present on Library premises.
3. Entry to The Library and use of its facilities is considered acknowledgment and acceptance of Library policies.
4. Library employees reserve the right to determine and address inappropriate behavior promptly, which include warnings, suspension of privileges, or involvement of law enforcement as necessary.
5. Any actions or behaviors that prevent others from using The Library as intended are prohibited; this includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a) Engaging in conduct that is unlawful, including use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or other intoxicants; violating Library policies or guidelines.
 - b) Behavior that compromises the safety or health of oneself or others.
 - c) Harassing, threatening, bullying, or intimidating others. This includes, but is not limited to, physical, sexual, or verbal abuse.
 - d) Vandalism or damage to Library materials or property, including using furniture or equipment outside of its intended purpose.
 - e) Sleeping, lying down, or appearing to be asleep.
 - f) Offensive or pervasive odors that may make it so other patrons cannot use the space.

- g) Leaving personal belongings unattended; and blocking aisles, access to materials, or walkways. Employees may remove unattended items.
 - h) Using wheeled devices considered unsuitable for the space.
 - i) This includes but is not limited to bicycles, scooters, small motorized vehicles, shopping carts, or laundry/luggage racks.
 - ii) These items may also not be chained to trees, benches, railings, or other inappropriate places.
 - iii) Small items such as skateboards, roller blades, or skate shoes may be brought inside, but cannot be used inside The Library or on the front sidewalks.
 - iv) This restriction does not apply to ADA-approved assistive devices or strollers with infants.
 - i) Creating disruptive noise, including loud conversations and profane language or the use of audio, visual, or communications devices audible to others.
 - j) Entering or being in The Library without appropriate attire, including a shirt and shoes.
 - k) Engaging in or soliciting sexual acts or indecent exposure.
 - l) Inappropriate use of restrooms, including bathing, shaving, or laundering.
 - m) Bringing animals into The Library, with the exception of service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
 - n) Soliciting, petitioning, or panhandling within a Library building; loitering or distributing leaflets or notices on the premises.
 - o) Eating outside of designated areas. Drinks with lids or caps are allowed except in the Special Collections and Makerspace areas.
 - p) Entering staff-only areas of The Library.
 - q) Filming or photography that interferes with a patron's use of The Library, compromises the confidentiality of patron account information, or interferes with The Library's ability to conduct business.
 - r) Adults using the children's or teen areas without a youth or need for that collection.
6. To safeguard Library resources, employees may ask to inspect briefcases, bags, and other packages upon departure from The Library.
7. Patrons may request an appeal to a suspension of privileges by contacting the Library Director or Assistant Director within 14-days from the date of suspension.