



### ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Washington County Library exists to serve our patrons by providing a safe and hospitable environment which is conducive to acceptable standards of library use.

- I. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it interferes with others' use of the library or library materials or in some way violates standards of conduct established by the Library Board of Directors. Patrons behaving in an unacceptable manner will be asked to leave the library. Police will be called if a patron fails to comply with a request to leave or if staff feels threatened or unable to handle the situation.
  
- II. The following list is not meant to be all inclusive, but is given as an example of behavior which, if violated, may result in a patron being asked to leave and may also result in the loss of library privileges.
  - a. Patrons are expected to show courtesy toward library users and library staff.
  - b. Personal hygiene must not unreasonably interfere with other patrons' use of the library.
  - c. Restrooms shall not be used for bathing, shampooing, or doing laundry.
  - d. Food and drinks are not to be in open containers or consumed in the library. However, water in spill-resistant containers is permissible as long as the container is not set on a table or desk with electronic equipment owned by the library.
  - e. Parents shall provide for the proper supervision of their minor children.
  - f. Patrons shall be fully dressed, including footwear. No wet clothing is permitted.
  - g. Sleeping in the library is not permitted.
  - h. Skateboards, in-line skates, etc. must be carried at all times.
  - i. Only service animals necessary for disabilities are permitted in the library.

#### **APPEAL PROCESS:**

- III. Any person who is expelled from the library for twenty-four (24) hours or longer, or whose library privilege is revoked, may appeal these actions directly to the Director. An appeal may be directed to the Library Board if the Director is unable to resolve the problem to the patrons' satisfaction.

Adopted by the Washington County Library Board August 12, 2003  
Revised and Approved by the Washington County Library Board July 29, 2008  
Revised and Approved by the Washington County Library Board April 24, 2012