

Bonner Springs City Library Patron Code of Behavior

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Policy on Disruptive Patron

- a. A patron whose behavior is disruptive to the use of the library by other patrons may be asked to leave the library premises. A patron who refuses to leave under these circumstances is trespassing. The staff member in charge shall be responsible for handling the problem in accordance with library procedures and may seek assistance from library administration or a local law enforcement agency if needed.

Repercussions

- b. The Library Director and/or Library Board are authorized to suspend a patron's library privileges under the statutory authority of K.S.A. 12-1227: "Every library established under or governed by, the provisions of this act shall be free to the use of the inhabitants of the municipality in which located subject always to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Library Board may adopt, and said board may exclude from the use of said library any and all persons who willfully violate such rules."

Patron Code of Behavior

- c. The following Patron Code of Behavior shall be posted in the library and shall also be available as a hand-out:

Compliance

1. Failing to comply with library regulations and with instructions or requests made by library staff with respect to library regulations is strictly prohibited.

Destruction

2. Destruction, theft, or defacing of library property including tampering with technology systems or computer hardware, software, and data is strictly prohibited.

Weapons

3. The carrying of any pistol, revolver, or other firearm with similar characteristics, or any weapon as defined by K.S.A. 21-4201 into a library building of any kind, except by certified law enforcement personnel, is strictly prohibited. The carrying of any weapon onto library property, including library parking lots, except by certified law enforcement personnel or by a person who is licensed to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 75-7c01, et seq., is likewise strictly prohibited. The term "weapons" includes, without limitation, firearms of all types and sizes, whether loaded or not; air guns, BB-guns, pellet guns, and the like; simulated weapons; knives, swords,

switchblades, razors, and the like – other than small pocketknives, utility knives, and the like with a blade of less than three inches in length; clubs, bludgeons, batons, bats, and the like; incendiary or explosive devices of any sort whatsoever; martial arts weapons, including num-chuks, throwing stars, and the like; and any item carried with the intent to go armed, or used to threaten or intimidate another. The term “weapons” shall not include the lawful possession of personal security devices, intended for use by members of the general public, including without limitation, pepper spray, mace, and such other personal defense sprays.

Unruliness

4. Dangerous or disruptive behavior is not allowed. This may include cell phone use, talking loudly, running, or any behavior that is disruptive to patrons or staff.

Abusiveness

5. Behavior that is abusive to library patrons and/or staff is not allowed.

Language

6. Abusive or obscene language is not allowed in the library.

Smoking

7. Use of tobacco products is not permitted in the library.

Food/Drink

8. Food is not permitted in public areas of the library, except in library meeting rooms during scheduled meetings when approved in advance, or in other designated areas. Beverages with lids are permitted in the library.

Alcohol

9. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on library premises.

Pets

10. Pets are not permitted in the library. Service animals are allowed.

Skating

11. Skating and skateboarding are prohibited in library buildings and on library property.

Parking Lot

12. Participating in bicycling, motor vehicle use, or any other behavior that endangers the user/driver or library patrons or their vehicles in the library parking lot is not allowed.

Use of Library Computer Workstations

13. Using library computer workstations in an unacceptable manner, as defined herein is prohibited. Members of library staff are under no obligation to monitor library

computer workstation usage and accept no responsibility for investigating the manner in which those workstations are used. When, however, a member of the library staff observes a patron using a workstation in violation of the following subsections, the patron will be deemed to be using the workstation in an unacceptable manner and will be asked to immediately terminate his or her use of the workstation:

- a) Patrons shall not access or exhibit obscene material on library computer workstations. See K.S.A. 21-4301(c), as amended. Disseminating or exhibiting obscene material is a crime in the state of Kansas. K.S.A. 21-4301.
- b) Patrons shall not access or display obscene material where the recipient of the obscene material is a child under the age of eighteen years. K.S.A. 21-4301a, as amended.
- c) Patrons shall not use library computer workstations in a manner that allows them to possess a computer-generated image that contains or incorporates in any manner any film, photograph, negative, photocopy, videotape, or video laser disc in which a real child under sixteen years of age is shown or heard engaging in sexually explicit conduct with intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires or appeal to the prurient interest of the offender, the child, or another. See K.S.A. 21-3516, as amended.

Procedures

- d) Procedures for handling incidents shall be articulated and inserted in staff manuals.