Patron Behavior Policy

We want your visit to be a pleasant one. The Burlington Public Library strives to provide materials and services for the information, enlightenment, and recreation of all members of the Burlington community.

Behavior which disrupts, threatens, inhibits or interferes with another patron's exercise of his or her right to use the library's resources and services, or a staff member's ability to perform her or his duties, is unacceptable. Individuals engaging in such behavior may, at the discretion of library staff members, be asked to cease the behavior, to leave the library, or to be barred from using the library.

Disruptive behavior is defined at the librarians’ discretion. Examples of such behavior are:

- Illegal activity
- Sleeping
- Loitering
- Soliciting, selling or petitioning
- Not wearing shoes or shirt
- Leaving children under the age of 11 unattended
- Use of alcohol, tobacco products, and nicotine delivery products
- Accessing, displaying, or printing material that is inappropriate for public viewing or that meets the definitions of pornography

Inappropriate Use of Children’s Services
Adults who are in the Youth Services area must be accompanied by a child or involved in appropriate use of Youth Services library materials. At the discretion of the librarians, any adult not doing so will be asked to use other areas of the library.

Cell Phone Use
Although cell phone conversations are not encouraged in the library, we do understand that there are times when it may be necessary. During those times we ask that you be considerate and respectful of others by:

- Putting your phone on silent or vibrate when in the building
- Limiting your calls to brief, quiet conversation
- Respecting the library’s quiet zones

Food and Drink
Consumption of food and beverage is allowed in the library in a responsible and considerate manner. To minimize possible disruption of services and damage to property:

- Food and drinks are not permitted while at the public computers or in the local history room
- No group meals are allowed in public areas
The Board of Trustees reserves the right to amend this policy, and to rule on situations not specifically covered herein. The Board of Trustees and the Library Director shall review this policy as deemed necessary.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Patron Behavior Policy)  DATE

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