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."

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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.

Unruliness

3. 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

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

Solicitation

5. Solicitation is not permitted on Library property. The proper authorities may be contacted to remove individuals or groups from Library property who violate this policy. The only exceptions are authorized fundraising efforts for the Library itself, authorized sale of books and related materials at Library author visits, and authorized sale of coffee at Library programs.

Language

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

Smoking

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

Attire

8. Patrons must be fully clothed with footwear.

Food and Drink

9. Food and drink are not permitted in the computer areas or with use of other library equipment. They are permitted elsewhere, but beverages must have lids and patrons are expected to clean up after themselves.

Alcohol

10. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on library premises.

Pets

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

Skating

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

Parking Lot

13. 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

14. 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. Promoting obscenity is a crime in the state of Kansas per K.S.A. 21-6401.

b) Patrons shall not promote to minors (those under 18 years of age) material harmful to minors, meaning “any description, exhibition, presentation or representation, in whatever form, of nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement or sadomasochistic abuse” per K.S.A. 21-6402.

c) Patrons shall not use library computer workstations in a manner that allows them to possess “any visual depiction of a child under 18 years of age 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 or any other person” or to promote “any performance that includes sexually explicit conduct by a child under 18 years of age, or a person whom the offender believes to be a child under 18 years of age, knowing the character and content of the performance” per K.S.A. 21-5510.