

## Gray Public Library Behavior Policy

In order to ensure a pleasant and productive environment for study and research, and to respect the rights of all members of the Library community, The Gray Public Library asks that all patrons abide by the following Code of Conduct established by the Library. This code of conduct applies *in addition* to other library policies and regulations, local ordinances, and state and federal laws.

Appropriate behavior in the Library means:

- Treating all members of the library community with respect
- Refraining from behavior that may be interpreted as intimidating, disruptive, or offensive to other patrons or to staff members
- Speaking in a volume so as not to disrupt others quiet enjoyment of the facilities
- Using headphones when listening to electronic devices
- Refraining from using abusive or foul language
- Checking out library materials properly and returning them in a timely fashion
- Not consuming drinks at the public computers, and only bringing beverages into the library with a sealed top.
- Using authorized areas of the Library only.
- Exiting the Library promptly at closing time and during emergency situations or drills.

Prohibited activities include:

- Smoking inside the building or within 20 feet of the entry ways
- Consuming food in the library
- Damaging or stealing library property.
- Physically harming staff or patrons.
- Verbally abusing staff or patrons.
- Congregating in or around entrances inside or outside so as to impede others access to the library.
- Unlawfully retaining checked out library materials
- Engaging in sexual behavior or creating an environment of harassment
- Leaving a child under the age of 12 unattended in the library.

## Sanctions

Any library patron found in violation of this Code of Conduct is subject to sanctions, including:

- Having Library borrowing privileges revoked
- Being asked to leave the Library
- Being prohibited from entering the library for an extended period of time
- Being reported to the Sheriff's Office; and prosecution.

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