

Patron Conduct Policy

The Leeds Jane Culbreth Library has adopted this policy stating the right to maintain its facilities in a clean, pleasant, and safe manner. Every individual has the right to use the library undisturbed and every library employee has the right to work without undue interference. All library users and employees should be free of any threat of harm, invasions of property, or gross indignity. To guarantee these rights for all persons, the following rules of conduct apply to behavior on the premises of Library property. No person shall engage in any conduct, which disturbs or interferes with patrons or employees of the Library, including but not restricted to the following:

- Annoy, harass, threaten or cajole another person (physical, sexual, or verbal abuse of other library users or of library staff).
- Behave in a disorderly, loud, or boisterous manner.
- Allow children to run wild or unsupervised, disturbing others in the library.
- Behave in lewd (coarse or vulgar) public affection, including petting, kissing, necking, or sexual activity.
- Interfere with free passage.
- Drink alcoholic beverages or abuse drugs on library grounds or be in a state of intoxication in any manner that causes public disturbance.
- Deface or destroy library property, including restrooms or parking lots.
- Display or attempt to use any firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- Hack into computers, tamper with electronic equipment, systems, or websites, or set off any alarms.
- Display or view nude pictures, pornographic, or violently graphic, or hate-based materials.
- Eat, drink, smoke (except in designated areas), sell or use drugs in the library or on its grounds.
- Loiter or sleep in the library or on its grounds.
- Solicit funds or panhandle in the library or on its grounds
- Interfere with patrons' use of the library through poor personal hygiene or offensive body odor.
- Bring animals or vehicles into the library, except as required by persons with disabilities requiring a guide dog. Verification may be required.
- In order to not disturb others, headphones must be used to play audio, video, TV, or compact disk equipment.
- Campaign, petition, interview or survey library patrons or staff in a manner which is disruptive to library activities.
- Violate any City or County Ordinance or State Statute on library property or grounds.

The supervisor in charge or the Director first warns anyone violating these rules at the time of the offense, if possible. If the conduct continues, the offender will be ordered to leave the premises. In situations of serious, threatening, or willfully malicious behavior, the staff may expel the offender(s) without a warning at the discretion of the staff and/or contact Leeds Police Department. Failure to observe these rules may lead to revocation of library privileges, including the right to visit the building and grounds for a period of time designated by the Director and relevant to the severity of the infraction. Repeat offenders or persons ordered from the premises who do not comply may be subject to arrest and prosecution for trespassing.