



MONTROSE REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT BEHAVIOR POLICY

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MISSION

The Montrose Regional Library District (MRLD) fosters community by providing resources, encouraging reading, and supporting lifelong learning.

Purpose of the Behavior Policy

The purpose of the Behavior Policy is to provide an environment in which all customers and staff may safely and freely use and enjoy the library. Those whose behavior is disruptive to library operations and/or to others in the library may have the privilege of using the library limited or denied to the extent necessary to deal with the problem. The library may withdraw permission for a person to reenter the premises if the person continues violating the rules.

Principles

Library staff will make every effort to apply these rules in a fair, humane, and positive manner. All staff members have the right to deny access to the Library premises if, in their judgment, these rules have been abused. Library staff may contact the Montrose Police for assistance if deemed advisable.

Guidelines

Library users are expected to be engaged in activities associated with the use of a public library while in the building. Users shall respect the rights of other users and staff and shall not harass or annoy others. The following list includes *some but not all* activities that are prohibited, and which may lead to denial of library privileges:

- Engaging in any illegal activity
- Damaging, abusing, or vandalizing library property
- Smoking/vaping in the building or outside within 40 feet of the building
- Use of alcohol or drugs, being under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Using the library property as a place to sleep or to loiter
- Behavior that may be reasonably expected to result in injury to self or others
- Compromising public health and safety by not wearing shirt and shoes
- Noisy or boisterous behavior loud enough to disturb others
- Physical, verbal, visual, or sexual harassment or threats to other users or staff
- Use of wheeled recreational devices in the building, courtyard or sidewalks
- Blocking entrances or exits to the building
- Spitting
- Inappropriate foul or vulgar language
- Unauthorized soliciting of funds or offering of goods or services for sale in a public area
- Body odor or fragrances heavy or offensive as to present a nuisance to others