

Neligh Public Library

Rules of Conduct Policy

The mission of the Neligh Public Library is to provide access to informational, educational, cultural, and recreational library materials and services in a variety of formats and technologies; and to uphold the public's freedom of access to information.

It is a patron's responsibility to maintain appropriate standards of behavior when in the library in order to protect his/her individual rights and the rights and privileges of other patrons. Failure to comply with the Library Rules of Conduct may result in expulsion from the library. Duration of expulsion will be at the librarian's discretion. Theft of library materials is a serious offense and may result in permanent expulsion and/or legal action. Other behaviors such as terroristic threats, physical violence, harassment, sexually offensive behaviors and/or sexual harassment will result in permanent expulsion and appropriate legal action will be taken against the offender.

RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Any behavior that disrupts or hinders public use of the Library is prohibited on Library property. This includes, but is not limited to, loud or boisterous behavior, verbal or physical harassment, drunkenness, running, and fighting.
2. Seating at library tables is limited to the number of persons for whom the furniture was designed.
3. The condition of library facilities, including restrooms, the meeting room and other areas of the library should remain as it was found at the time of use. In the case of supervised adult patrons, the responsibility for maintaining and/or restoring facility conditions is that of the said adult's supervisor or guardian.
4. Smoking or chewing tobacco is not permitted in the library. Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of the library building.

5. Bicycles are not permitted in the library. A bicycle rack is provided outside of the building for bicycles and scooters. Roller skating/blading and skateboarding are not permitted in the library. Wagons and strollers may not be an obstruction to normal library operation.
6. Selling products or services, or soliciting donations is not permitted in the library except as part of a library-sponsored program or as a fund raising effort by an organized civic group.
7. Taking surveys, circulating petitions, distributing leaflets, and other similar activities are permitted in the library only when authorized by library administration.
8. Animals, except those used to aid persons with disabilities, are not permitted in the library, except as part of a library-sponsored program.
9. Parents or other legal guardians are responsible for the behavior of their minor children in the library.
10. The violation of State or Federal laws or local ordinances will not be permitted on library property. Theft, vandalism, and/or mutilation of library property are criminal offenses and may be prosecuted. The library reserves the right to inspect all bags, briefcases, backpacks and other such items when the staff has reason to believe this rule has been violated. The library is not responsible for personal belongings left unattended.
11. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on library property.
12. Altering computer settings, software, or peripherals is not permitted.
13. Failure to comply with a librarian's request to alter behavior will result in the loss of library privileges for the day or for a duration deemed appropriate by the librarian on duty.
14. Failure to comply with any of these rules may result in the loss of library privileges.