

## **LIBRARY STANDARDS OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR**

### **PORTAL'S MYRTLE KRAFT LIBRARY, A BRANCH OF THE COCHISE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT**

The Myrtle Kraft Library is supported by the taxes of the citizens of Cochise County. The library strives to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all visitors to read, learn, use computers, participate in library programs, and enjoy all the library has to offer. These guidelines are meant to ensure that the library is a safe and pleasant environment and that the library equipment and facilities are protected.

If a library visitor engages in behavior that is unacceptable or dangerous to other patrons, library staff, or volunteers, they will be asked to modify the unacceptable behavior or leave the library premises. Serious or repeated violations of library policies may result in the suspension of library privileges. In the case of a suspected criminal offense, or refusal to modify unacceptable behavior, the County Sheriff will be contacted.

#### **Illegal Conduct/Activities**

Library users may not engage in any action or activity that violates any Federal, State, or local laws. Criminal behaviors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Theft
- Vandalism
- Physical or verbal fighting
- Use of library computers or internet in any way that violates state or federal laws

#### **Personal Conduct/Behavior**

Library customers may not engage in behavior that prevents others from using and enjoying the library. Unacceptable behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- Disruptive, disorderly or threatening behavior
- Smoking (including e-cigarettes) or using tobacco in any form
- Possessing, consuming, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Soliciting for money, signatures, donations, services or goods
- Making unreasonable noise including cell phone use

#### **Children/Vulnerable Individuals**

Parents and caregivers are responsible for the safety, comfort, and behavior of the children in their care. Children under the age of 8 and/or vulnerable individuals\*

must be attended by a responsible person while using the library. A child or vulnerable individual may not be left at the library after closing time.

**Food/Drink**

Drinks in closed containers (such as covered cups and water bottles) are allowed. Food is prohibited in public areas unless permission is granted by the Branch Manager. Additional restrictions on beverages may apply near computers or other equipment.

**Animals**

Only service animals are permitted in the library.

In addition to these general guidelines, all library users are expected to comply with the library's Internet Use Policy and Circulation Policy.

\*'Vulnerable individual' means an individual with mental or physical impairment who is unable to protect him or herself from abuse or exploitation, or comprehend and comply with Library policies.

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