

## PEASE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### BEHAVIOR POLICY

To ensure that all users of the Pease Public Library may safely and freely use the library, there are expectations that patrons will behave in a manner that does not interfere with the mission of the library, the rights of others, damage the library building or property or cause injury to others. Library patrons unwilling to modify unacceptable behavior (as outlined below) will be asked to leave the premises. Police will be called when conduct is illegal. Police will be called when a threat is posed to the library or individuals, when an individual refuses to follow library policies and/or refuses to leave the library when requested to do so. No list is exhaustive; any conduct which disrupts the library is prohibited.

*These rules apply to all patrons of the library regardless of age.*

1. Smoking, alcohol, and the use of illegal drugs are prohibited.
2. Soliciting or distribution of leaflets within the library is prohibited.
3. Appropriate attire, including shirts and shoes, must be worn at all times.
4. Skateboards, skis, snowboards, and other sports equipment are not allowed in the building.
5. Neither the library nor its staff is responsible for patrons' personal belongings left unattended.
6. Cell phone use is not permitted in the library.
7. Loud, boisterous behavior is not acceptable.
8. Physical or verbal harassment of other patrons or staff is prohibited.
9. Any purposeful damage done to the material, equipment, furniture, building, or property of the library is against the law and may be reported to the police.
10. Sleeping or loitering anywhere in the library, in the front lobby, around the perimeter of the building and downstairs is prohibited.
11. Running up and down the stairs in the building is prohibited.
12. Elevator use is limited to adults or children with accompanying adults.
13. Rest rooms should be used only for appropriate reasons.
14. Eating in the library is allowed only in certain areas. Leave any drinks at the circulation desk if you are using the computers.

The library director may use her/his discretion to ban a patron from the library for a period of up to 30 days if the patron flagrantly disobeys the behavior policy. The Library Director or his or her designee may issue an order of no trespass/order to stay off property against a person(s) who either repeatedly violates or who egregiously violates this behavior policy.

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