

## **IMAGINEIF LIBRARIES PATRON CONDUCT**

To better serve all library patrons, the Library Board of Trustees has established standards of acceptable behavior to ensure a positive, welcoming, clean, and safe environment conducive to library use. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it impinges on the rights of others.

Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Disturbing library users or staff members with:
  - Harassing or threatening behavior,
  - Obscene or abusive acts, language, or gestures,
  - Unreasonable noise, including loud talking on cell phones,
  - Behavior inappropriate to a business setting, such as running, fighting, or throwing objects,
- Disrupting the normal functioning of the Library
- Inappropriate use of the Library premises or equipment, including vandalism
- Soliciting of any kind
- Being intoxicated or incapacitated by drugs or alcohol, or using nicotine products, alcohol, or illegal drugs on Library premises
- Interfering with others' use of the Library
- Bringing animals inside ImagineIF buildings, with the exception of service animals (as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act) or animals used as part of Library programs
- Bringing a knife, unconcealed weapon or unpermitted concealed carried weapon or any other weapon into the library, 45-8-351 MCA and 45-8-352 MCA
- Engaging in any activity in violation of ImagineIF policy, or any federal, state, local, or other applicable law
- Sleeping in or on Library premises
- Bringing personal belongings that hinder, impede, or prevent the movement of another patron into, out of, or about library property\*
- Bringing personal belongings, including wagons, carts, or hand trucks that do not fit under a table and can't be easily carried downstairs during an emergency\*
- Leaving personal belongings left unattended on library property

\* These restrictions do not apply to items used for personal mobility, such as: walkers, strollers used to safely transport babies and toddlers, or wheelchairs. Other exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis by library staff.

Patrons will be asked to adapt their behavior to comply with library policy. If a patron fails to do so, appropriate action will be taken, up to and including permanent expulsion from ImagineIF facilities. Illegal activity will be referred to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

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