

Lied Public Library Policy
Section: Relationships, Rights, and
Responsibilities
Subject: Behavior Policy

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Behavior Policy

The Lied Public Library patrons are expected to observe the rights of other patrons and staff members. Patrons are also asked to use the library for its intended purposes.

- The Staff has the responsibility for enforcing discipline within the library.
- The Staff determines when behavior is inappropriate in the library.
- Response to inappropriate behavior should be immediate.

Inappropriate behavior will not be allowed on library grounds, which may include, but not limited to the following:

- Any behavior that endangers the safety or health of others.
- Violation of any local, state or federal law within the library.
- Vandalism or deliberate destruction of library material.
- Theft of library materials or the personal property of other patrons or staff members.
- Deliberate disruption of library procedures or operation.
- Use of abusive language at other patrons or the staff.
- Loud talking or laughing, that disturbs or could disturb other patrons.
- Inappropriate dress; e.g. no shirt or shoes.
- Smoking, alcohol, chewing tobacco or illegal drugs in the library.
- The use of cellular telephones within library that is disruptive.
- Unattended children (see policy).
- Pets. (Unless assisting those with disabilities).
- Skates, skateboards, in-line skates and similar products inside and on library grounds.
- Other kinds of behavior deemed inappropriate by the staff.
- Impeding access to library or library materials.
- Use of audio devices without headphones or at an unreasonable level.
- Parking bicycles anywhere other than provided bicycles racks.
- Refusing to comply with directive of library staff.

Procedure:

- **Warning.** In most cases, patrons who are behaving inappropriately in the library will be given a verbal warning and asked to behave in an appropriate manner.
- **Expulsion.** Patrons who refuse to behave more appropriately after one warning will be asked to leave the library.
 - Expulsion may result in suspended use of the library for a given length of time
- **Calling the Police.** In cases where patrons pose a clear danger to themselves or others or where there is a deliberate violation of the law, or refusal to leave the library after being asked by the Staff, the Staff is authorized to call the police.