

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

TAB: Patron Services

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SECTION: Resolutions by Library Board of Directors

SUBJECT: PATRON CODE OF BEHAVIOR

SUMMARY

The purpose of this regulation is to describe the situations under which a patron may be asked to leave the library premises. The document also contains a Patron Code of Behavior and instructs how this Code is to be made available to the public.

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**POLICY ON
DISRUPTIVE
PATRON**

a. A patron whose behavior is disruptive to the use of the library by other patrons may be asked to leave the library premises. A patron who refuses to leave under these circumstances is trespassing. The staff member in charge shall be responsible for handling the problem in accordance with library procedures and may seek assistance from library administration or a local law enforcement agency if needed

Repercussions

b. The County Librarian is authorized to suspend a patron's library privileges in accordance with ARM 20-10-30.

**PATRON CODE
OF BEHAVIOR**

c. The following Patron Code of Behavior shall be posted in each facility and shall also be available as a hand-out:

Compliance

1. Failing to comply with library regulations and with instructions or requests made by library staff with respect to library regulations is strictly prohibited.

Destruction

2. Destruction, theft, or defacing of library property including tampering with technology systems or computer hardware, software, and data is strictly prohibited.

Weapons	<p>3. Subject to the exceptions set forth in subsections (i) and (ii) below, the carrying of any pistol, revolver or other firearm with similar characteristics, or any weapon as defined by K.S.A. 21-6302 into a library building of any kind or onto library property, including library parking lots, is strictly prohibited.</p> <p>(i) This section 3 of ARM 20-10-50 shall not apply to certified law enforcement personnel or personnel contracted by the Library for cash handling services and authorized to carry weapons in the course of their duties pursuant to a service contract.</p> <p>(ii) This section 3 of ARM 20-10-50 shall not apply to individuals lawfully carrying concealed handguns pursuant to the terms of the Personal and Family Protection Act, K.S.A. 75-7c01, et seq., as amended. All such individuals shall comply with all municipal, county, state and federal regulations and laws applicable to the carrying of concealed handguns.</p>
Unruliness	4. Dangerous or disruptive behavior is not allowed. This may include cell phone use, talking loudly, running, or any behavior that is disruptive to patrons or staff.
Abusiveness	5. Behavior that is abusive to library patrons and/or staff is not allowed.
Language	6. Abusive or obscene language is not allowed in the library.
Smoking	7. As defined in policy 60-10-50, smoking and tobacco use is not permitted in the library.
Food/Drink	8. Non-alcoholic beverages are permitted in the library; alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the library or on library premises, except as set out in ARM 20-80-30. Food is permitted in the library so long as its consumption is not disruptive to other patrons and is not damaging to library facilities and property.
Alcohol	9. Patrons shall not possess or consume alcoholic beverages in the library or on library premises. Alcoholic beverages may be served in designated areas of the library at library-approved events by the library, the Friends of the Johnson County Library, or the Johnson County Library Foundation pursuant to ARM 20-80-30.

Pets	10. Pets are not permitted in the library. Service animals are allowed as permitted under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
Skating	11. Skating, skateboarding, and use of other similar devices (scooters, hoverboards, etc) are prohibited in library buildings and on any library property.
Parking Lot	12. Participating in any behavior that endangers library patrons and/or their vehicles, library property, or library staff in the library parking lot is not allowed.
Use of Library Computer Workstations	<p>13. Using library computer workstations in an unacceptable manner, as defined herein is prohibited. Members of library staff are under no obligation to monitor library computer workstation usage and accept no responsibility for investigating the manner in which those workstations are used. When, however, a member of the library staff observes a patron using a workstation in violation of the following subsections, the patron will be deemed to be using the workstation in an unacceptable manner and will be asked to immediately terminate use of the workstation:</p> <p>a) Patrons shall not access or exhibit obscene material on library computer workstations. See K.S.A. 21-6401 as amended. Disseminating or exhibiting obscene material is a crime in the state of Kansas.</p> <p>K.S.A. 21-6401.</p> <p>b) Patrons shall not access or display obscene material where the recipient of the obscene material is a child under the age of eighteen years. K.S.A. 21-6401, as amended.</p> <p>c) Patrons shall not use library computer workstations in a manner that allows them to possess a computer-generated image that contains or incorporates in any manner any film, photograph, negative, photocopy, videotape, or video laser disc in which a real child under sixteen years of age is shown or heard engaging in sexually explicit conduct with intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires or appeal to the prurient interest of the offender, the child or another. See K.S.A. 21-5510, as amended t</p>

PROCEDURES

d. Procedures for handling incidents shall be maintained by staff in accordance with Library policy.

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