

LIBRARY STANDARDS OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

Welcome to the Apache Junction Library. To better serve all Library users, the Library has established certain standards. You have been given this statement of policies because your behavior does not meet accepted Library standards. If you will modify your behavior, you are welcome as a Library user, otherwise, the Library must ask that you leave Library premises. If you refuse to leave, the police will be called.

The Apache Junction Public Library is supported by the taxes of the citizens of Apache Junction and they have the right to expect that the Library be clean, pleasant and safe.

The Library should be used as a pleasant place to read, to choose books and other materials, to attend film showings and programs, to watch puppet shows and listen to story times, and to request information from Library staff.

Unfortunately, the behavior of a few Library visitors creates problems. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it impinges on the right of others, impacts public health, could result in injury to oneself, be detrimental to the health and safety of others, or could result in damage to the building or equipment. Examples of this kind of behavior include but are not limited to:

- Abandonment/leaving of young children unattended
- Abuse/vandalism of library facilities or equipment
- Adding materials that have not undergone selection by the library staff
- Bathing/washing clothes
- Child abuse
- Chewing tobacco or rolling loose tobacco
- Drinking in areas not designated for drinking
- Eating in areas not designated for eating
- Exhibitionism/flashing
- Failure to wear shirt and shoes
- Gambling
- Harassment: physical, sexual or verbal abuse of other library users or of library staff
- Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- Loitering including refusal to leave at closing
- Obscene language
- Possession of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Prolonged crying or tantrums
- Sleeping
- Smoking
- Soliciting
- Unruly/offensive behavior
- Use of radios/TVs without headphones
- Use of wrong rest rooms
- Voyeurism/peeping

The following may not be brought into the library:

Dangerous weapons Bedrolls/bed
blankets

Birds/snakes/animals (except for use of a service animal by a person with a disability)

Members of the public shall be permitted to circulate election petitions outside of the building as long as they do not damage any property or interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. The Police Department shall be contacted in the event of a disturbance.