

Apache Junction Public Library

LIBRARY STANDARDS OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

Welcome to Apache Junction Public Library. To best serve and protect the rights and safety of all Library users, the Library has established these standards.

AJPL is committed to providing an environment where all people are valued and respected. When resolving violations of standards of acceptable behavior, we strive to be considerate and provide reasons for our requests and options when available.

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

1. Dangerous, Threatening, or Illegal Conduct

- 1.1 Abuse, misuse, or vandalism of library facilities, equipment or library materials
- 1.2 Any act that constitutes a criminal offense under federal, state, or local law
- 1.3 Theft
- 1.4 Exhibitionism/flashing
- 1.5 Indecent exposure, public sexual indecency, lewd acts, engaging in sexual misconduct such as touching, annoying, harassing or offending another person or any other sexual offense which constitutes assault, battery or sexual battery
- 1.6 Voyeurism/peeping, or constantly staring at or following another person
- 1.7 Harassing, intimidating, or invading the privacy of library staff or patrons through photography or filming
- 1.8 Harassment: physical, sexual or verbal abuse of other library users or of library staff
- 1.9 Possession, consumption, or sale of alcohol or illegal drugs
- 1.10 Use of profane, obscene, offensive or abusive language including but not limited to insults related to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status or public assistance status that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their personal safety or feel distressed, alarmed or harassed

2. Disruptive Personal Behavior

- 2.1 Adding materials to the collection that have not undergone selection by the library staff
- 2.2 Bathing, shaving and washing clothes in public library restrooms or water fountains
- 2.3 Creating tripping hazards or blocking aisles, exits or entrances, or reading areas with personal belongings
- 2.4 Entering the library with hygiene conditions, including but not limited to, clothing odor, body odor, insects or pests, or unsanitary belongings that interfere with the use and enjoyment of the library by other library users or the functioning of library staff. Wearing or spraying highly scented products such as perfumes, oils or air fresheners
- 2.5 Failure to wear shirts and shoes
- 2.6 Gambling
- 2.7 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs

- 2.8 The following may not be brought into the library: dangerous weapons, bedrolls/bed, blankets, bicycles, skateboards, scooters, roller skates, large carts
- 2.9 Leaving packages, backpacks, luggage or any other personal items unattended. Unattended items are subject to removal without notice
- 2.10 Remaining inside the library facility after closing, during emergencies or fire drills or trespassing in non-public areas of the library
- 2.11 Sleeping/snoring: To uphold public health and safety, sleeping in the library or at the entrance is not permitted. Library staff are not able to consistently monitor the health and safety of an individual who has lapsed consciousness
- 2.12 Smoking, rolling, chewing or charging any tobacco product, marijuana, synthetic tobacco, synthetic marijuana, other e-cigarettes or vaping devices (smokeless or the equivalent)
- 2.13 Soliciting/panhandling
- 2.14 Unruly/offensive behavior: Any behavior that endangers the safety or health of others, such as fighting, throwing objects, boisterous behavior, rude noises, talking loudly, excessive noise, abusive language or gestures, or in any way harassing library patrons or staff
- 2.15 Use of cell phones, radios or devices without headphones
- 2.16 Use of wrong restrooms
- 2.17 Entering the library with animals except for service animals as defined by the state and federal law
- 2.18 Disregarding direct instructions given by library staff

3. Use and Preservation of Library Materials and Property

- 3.1 Failure to clean up any residue, wrappings, or spills after the consumption of food or beverages
- 3.2 No food or drink at the public computers or in the Arizona Room
- 3.3 Manipulating or bypassing library systems and procedures such as those that regulate computer use
- 3.4 Using furniture for anything other than its intended purpose (e.g. a table is not a footstool)
- 3.5 We respect intellectual property rights and copyright laws. Copying of any electronic material is prohibited or violation of copyright laws
- 3.6 Removing library equipment or materials before check-out
- 3.7 Members of the public shall be permitted to circulate election petitions outside of the building as long as if they do not damage any property or interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic

4. Children in the Library

- 4.1 Abandonment of young children. Leaving children under the age of 9 years old, or adults requiring supervision, alone, unattended or unsupervised in the library, except for library programming with the consent of the library staff. The library is not responsible for children who are left unattended in the library or on the grounds of the library.
- 4.2 Children are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not violate behavior standards or disrupt other customers. Library staff members are not caregivers or baby sitters. The library is not responsible for any consequences of parent's or guardian's failing in his or her responsibilities.

- 4.3 Disciplining a child in a manner that injures the child or disrupts other customers.
- 4.4 Adults using the children's or teen's areas without a child/teen or need for children's or teen's materials

Enforcement

The above standards do not limit the AJPL from taking necessary action to ensure safety and security, and any behavior that is disruptive or prevents AJPL from creating a safe environment and accomplishing its mission may result in the denial of access to facilities and/or services.