



Patron Conduct Policy

The Batesville Memorial Public Library is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment conducive to the use and enjoyment of the library by its patrons and in furtherance of the library's efforts to help the people of the community in their pursuit of information and education, as well as vocational and recreational endeavors.

The following rules apply within the library or anywhere on library property:

- Patrons shall not interfere with the use of the library by other patrons, or interfere with library employees' performance of their duties.
- Patrons shall respect the rights of other patrons and shall not harass, annoy, or intimidate others through noisy, boisterous, or threatening activities; by unnecessary staring at another person; by following another person about the inside or outside of the building; by playing audio equipment so that others can hear it; by singing or talking loudly to others or in monologues; or by behaving in any other manner which reasonably can be expected to disturb other persons.
- Patrons shall not utilize library property or other property that has been brought into the library by the patron or another individual in a manner that creates a safety hazard for library patrons.
- Patrons are prohibited from the intentional display of firearms during public meetings.
- Soliciting is not permitted. By soliciting it is meant the sale or distribution of merchandise, sales materials, tickets, insurance, coupons, magazine subscriptions, political campaign material, or anything not connected with the work of the library.

The only exceptions to the non-solicitation policy are the following:

- Those solicitation and fund-raising projects sponsored by the Friends of the Library with the approval of the library director.
- Fees may be charged for materials and supplies for use in workshops and other sessions held on library property with the approval of the library director.

Violators will receive a warning and an opportunity to cease a behavior that violates this policy. Continued or repeat violations may result in suspension of library privileges for a duration commensurate with the severity of the offense, the patron's history of policy violations, and any other relevant factors. Patrons engaged in behaviors that pose a serious imminent risk to health or safety may be immediately expelled from the library without prior warning and with or without the assistance of library staff or local law enforcement.

Patrons who wish to request appeal of library suspensions must do so in writing to the library director. Further appeals may be made in writing to the library board.