SALT LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY	Authorized By:	**Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors**	
	Subject:	**Library Use & Behavior Policy**	
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Policy Statement

Salt Lake County Library (the County Library) exists to serve the residents of the county as reflected in its Mission Statement, Value Statement, and Customer Bill of Rights. So that all library patrons may have a pleasant library experience, patrons are expected to respect the rights of others and to adhere to the following behaviors. This policy applies equally to children and adults.

Regulations

1.0 The County Library is a welcoming space open to the public.

2.0 Parents or legal guardians are fully responsible for the safety, security, and monitoring of their children while on library property.

2.1 In general, children 8-years-old and under should be with a responsible adult or caregiver who is at least 12-years-old.

2.1.1 Exceptions may be made if the child is able to demonstrate the ability to make responsible decisions regarding behavior and safety.

2.1.2 If a child under 8 is left alone in a library without a responsible adult or caregiver, law enforcement may be called.

2.2 All children, whether they are alone or with a responsible adult or caregiver, are expected to adhere to this policy.

2.2.1 Anyone under the age of 18 who is not following this policy may be asked to leave and not return unless supervised by a responsible adult or caregiver.

2.3 Unattended children remaining in the library 15 minutes after emergency or regular closing are considered potentially unsafe and law enforcement may be called for the protection of the child.

3.0 Patrons should show courtesy and respect to other patrons and staff by using voice, behavior and personal hygiene that will not disturb others, and by complying with requests from County Library staff.

4.0 Patrons should treat County Library materials, equipment, furniture, grounds and facilities in a safe and appropriate manner.

4.1 Theft or destruction of Library materials is a crime under Utah law. (Utah Code §§ 76-6-801, et seq.)

The County Library follows Salt Lake County's Countywide Policy 1304 on Discovery and Reporting of Wrongdoing or Criminal Activity, and County Library staff with knowledge or reasonable suspicion of theft, wrongful loss, or misuse of County property will report the incident through their chain of command and may notify the appropriate law enforcement agency.

4.1.1 Patrons may not remove any library materials or property from the premises of a library facility without the materials being first properly checked out to an eligible borrower.

4.1.2 Patrons may not prevent access to materials by hiding them on library property.

4.2 To protect the safety of all county Library patrons and staff:

4.2.1 Skateboards, scooters, rollerblades and like equipment must be carried while in the library.

4.2.2 Bicycles must be placed in bicycle racks provided. Locks are recommended.

4.2.3 Motorized equipment is allowed if it provides mobility assistance and is not used for recreational purposes.

4.3 The County Library is not responsible for any individual's or group's equipment, materials or personal belongings that are damaged, stolen, or missing.

5.0 Patrons may not sell or market products or services on library property.

5.1 Soliciting or vending is only allowed when it is part of a program hosted by the County Library and has been pre-approved by Library Staff.

5.2 Events hosted at the Viridian Center are exempt from this restriction if provided with pre-approval by Viridian Staff.

6.0 Patrons must obey all federal, state, city and county laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, The Utah Indoor Clean Air Act which prohibits smoking in public buildings (Utah Code § 26B-7-503).

7.0 The County Library complies with state and federal regulations relating to the right to be accompanied by service animals. (Utah Code §§ 26B-6-801 to -803 and ADA Title II C.F.R. § 35.136). Dogs and miniature horses trained to assist customers with disabilities are welcome. No other animals are allowed in County Library facilities.

8.0 Light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted as long as they do not disturb other patrons or disrupt County Library services.

9.0 Patrons who interfere with the rights of other County Library patrons or staff may be subject to one or more of the following consequences:

9.1 Revocation of access to library services or resources for up to one year.

9.2 Expulsion from the library or library property for up to one year.

9.3 Notification of the appropriate law enforcement agency, which may result in subsequent arrest and prosecution.

9.4 Liability for damages to public property or injuries to the public or County Library staff.

Appeal Process

10.0 Any patron who is expelled from a County Library for longer than twenty-four (24) hours or whose access to

County Library services is revoked under this policy may appeal these actions directly to the Library Director. The Library Director's decision may be appealed to the Library Board of Directors within 14 days of receiving notification of the Director's decision. The appeal will be scheduled to be heard at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Director's decision will stand until the appeal is heard.

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