

Library Acceptable Use Policy-Draft

This draft was reviewed by the Uintah County Attorney's Office and is submitted to the Uintah County Library Board for consideration at its June 27, 2012 meeting.

The Uintah County Library exists to serve our patrons by providing a safe and hospitable environment which is conducive to acceptable standards of library use.

- I. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it interferes with the rights of others or violates standards of conduct established by the Library Board of Trustees.
 - a. Patrons behaving in an unacceptable manner will be asked to leave the library.
 - b. Police will be called if a patron fails to comply with a request to leave or if staff feels threatened or unable to handle the situation.
- II. The following list of unacceptable behavior that may violate Uintah County Library standards of conduct, is not meant to be all inclusive, but is given as an example of behavior which, if violated, may result in a patron being asked to leave, and may also result in the loss of library privileges.
 - a. Patrons are expected to show courtesy toward library users and library staff.
 - b. Personal hygiene of patrons must not be offensive so as to become a nuisance to others.
 - c. Cell phone use is discouraged while in the library; excessive and/ or loud use of cell phones is unacceptable.
 - d. Food and drinks are not to be brought into the library.
 - e. Patrons are expected to be fully dressed, including a shirt and shoes. No swim wear or wet clothing shall be allowed.
 - f. Sleeping and bathing in the library is not considered acceptable behavior.
 - g. Skateboards, in-line skates, etc. shall not be worn and must be carried at all times.
 - h. No animals other than guide dogs and other animals certified to assist impaired patrons (except as authorized by the Library Director for special programs) shall be brought into any part of the library.
 - i. Any disruptive or unsafe behavior which may result in disturbing other patrons or damaging library property will not be tolerated.
 - j. Patrons must not engage in any activity prohibited by law or conduct that unreasonably interferes with another's use of the library, including physical or verbal harassment of staff or other library patrons.
 - k. Adults must control all children under their care and all children under the age of eight (8) must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver at least 16 years of age while in the library.

- I. Patrons must obey the Utah Clean Air Act which prohibits smoking in public building, and smoking on County Library property must be at least 25 feet from any entry, exit, or air intake of a building.