

Appropriate Library Use Policy

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Introduction

Bossier Parish Libraries are supported by the taxes of Bossier Parish residents who expect each of our facilities to be clean, comfortable, and safe places. The Library Board of Control is responsible for establishing rules of conduct to protect the rights and safety of library users, staff, and property. Enforcement of these rules will be in accordance with the *Banning Policy*.

Regulations

For the comfort and safety of library users and staff, the following actions are examples of conduct not allowed in library facilities or on library property.

- Engaging in any activity in violation of Federal, State, Local or other applicable law, or Library policy (*Electronic Access, Child Safety, etc.*)
- Failing to comply with a reasonable request to cease behavior that interferes with the effective functioning of the library
- Verbally or physically threatening or harassing behavior
- Soliciting or conducting surveys not authorized by the Library
- Smoking, chewing, or other tobacco use, including alternative nicotine products
- Trespassing in nonpublic areas and being in the library outside of normal operating hours, except as permitted by authorized employees
- Gambling and group activities which are disruptive to the library environment
- Conducting business for monetary gain
- Improperly using restrooms
- Inappropriate use of library property (computers, collection materials, etc.)
- Being attired as to be disruptive to the library environment
- Consuming food or beverages in public areas, except as permitted by authorized employees
- Using wheeled devices (skateboards, roller skates, etc.) on Library property (exceptions i.e., wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers)
- Bringing non-service animals into the library, except as permitted by authorized employees