

Patron Code of Conduct

The Audrey Pack Memorial Library has established this Patron Code of Conduct to ensure that library facilities are safe, welcoming and provide equitable access to materials and services for all library patrons. Appropriate library conduct includes without limitation activities such as reading, studying, properly using library materials or computers and other similar conduct normally associated with a public library. This Patron Code of Conduct shall apply to all buildings, interior and exterior, and all grounds controlled and operated by the Audrey Pack Memorial Library (such buildings and grounds are hereafter referred to as the "Library Premises") and to all persons entering in or on the Library Premises.

When possible, staff will first educate individuals about the applicable policies before taking stronger measures to enforce those policies. Library staff is authorized to contact Spring City Police Department to respond to unlawful conduct.

Inappropriate conduct shall include without limitation the following:

- Committing or attempting to commit any activity that would constitute a crime or a violation of federal, state or local law.
- Possessing, selling, distributing, displaying or using any dangerous weapon upon the Library Premises or using or threatening the use of any other object in such a manner that it may be considered a weapon.
- Engaging in any physically intimidating or assaultive behavior; making any threats of violence or unlawful activities toward library staff or other library patrons; using threatening, abusive or obscene language. The Library has a policy of zero tolerance for threats and acts of violence. Any person engaging in such behaviors will be immediately ejected from the Library Premises.
- Possessing, selling, distributing, consuming or being under the influence of any intoxicating beverage or controlled substance.
- Remaining on the Library Premises after having been notified by an authorized individual not to do so, and entering or remaining on the Library Premises during the time in which an individual's library privileges have been suspended.
- Refusing to follow the directions of library staff to include failing to take shelter in an emergency as directed by staff.

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