

PATRON RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT

It is the policy of the Warrenton Community Library to provide a safe, comfortable environment that is conducive to the use of library materials and facilities. The library is designed for the use of all members of the public. Patrons are expected to observe the rights of other patrons and staff members regarding the use of the library and its intended purposes.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

The following behavior including, but not limited to, will not be allowed in the library:

- Any behavior that endangers the safety or health of others
- Violation of any local, state, or federal law
- Vandalism or deliberate destruction of library materials or property
- Theft of library materials or personal property of other patrons or staff
- Deliberate disruption of library procedures
- Use of foul, threatening or abusive language or actions
- Running, chasing, horseplay
- Screaming, shouting, yelling, loud laughing or other noise
- Eating or bringing food into the library except for a pre-approved event
- Abnormal, erratic behavior that hinders normal library use
- Sexual activity
- Pushing, hitting, fighting, biting
- Throwing books or other objects
- Bullying or bothering other people
- Jumping on furniture
- Use of alcohol or controlled substances in the library
- Use of cell phones or other electronic devices that cause a disturbance
- In most cases, disruptive patrons or those behaving inappropriately will be warned of their behavior and asked to behave in a more appropriate manner.
- Patrons who refuse to behave in an appropriate manner will be asked to leave the library.
- Water and other non-alcoholic beverages are allowed in the library as long as they are in an enclosed container with a lid.

In cases in which a patron poses a clear danger to herself/himself or others, clearly violates the law, or refuses to leave the library after being requested to leave by a member of the staff, the police will be called to handle the situation.

