

Behavior in Library - Rules of Conduct

(Appended as of 10/24/11)

The Sulphur Springs Public Library's public behavior rules are designed to:

- 1) Protect the rights and safety of library patrons,
- 2) Protect the rights and safety of staff, and
- 3) Preserve and protect the library facility, its materials, and aesthetic qualities

Library patrons who violate the library's Policies and Procedures/Memorandums may be subject to the suspension of library privileges to include exclusion and/or legal action. In situations where the well being, safety, or security of library users, staff, or the library are threatened, appropriate action per the directive of the library director may include request for removal of patron and/or property or upon further contest, a call for police assistance. A library staff member may ask a library user to leave at any time, without prior warning or prior action. Activities to include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Committing or attempting to commit any activity that constitutes a crime or violation of a federal, state or local statute or ordinance.
- 2) Engaging in sexual conduct or lewd or lascivious behavior.
- 3) Use of controlled substances and/or alcohol while on premises.
- 4) Use of abusive language or threatening gestures.
- 5) Creation of unreasonable noise.
- 6) Loud or boisterous behavior or talking.
- 7) Sleeping in library.
- 8) Improper dress, excessive uncleanliness and body odor.
- 9) Improper use of restroom and rest areas.
- 10) Bringing animals into the library.
- 11) Parking illegally.
- 12) Abuse of Wi-Fi (use on parking lot or areas outside of library).
- 13) Transport of oversized totes, back packs, or garments (not limited to coats, jackets, or sweatshirts).
- 14) Violation of library's Policies and/or Procedures or Memorandums in any manner or in any way.