



Policy 5.1 Patron Rule of Conduct

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It is the intention of the North Olympic Library System to provide library visitors with quality service in a safe and pleasant atmosphere. The “basic rule” of patron conduct, therefore, is that library patrons are expected to refrain from any conduct that disturbs library users or staff, or hinders others from using the library or library materials.

Patrons who fail to observe this basic rule will be asked to discontinue the unacceptable behavior, and may, if the behavior continues, be asked to leave the library for the remainder of the day. If the patron fails to leave or causes a disturbance, the police will be called.

At the discretion of the Library Director or Assistant Director a longer suspension of library privileges, or an extension of the suspension to other library branches, may be imposed. If required, a criminal trespass procedure may be invoked to enforce this suspension.

Conduct which has been specifically identified as unacceptable includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Loud or disruptive behavior;
- Damage, destruction or theft of library property;
- Failure to observe computer workstation policies and guidelines;
- Creation or emanation of any odor that can be detected from six feet away;
- Absence of proper public attire. Shoes and shirts are required;
- Use of the library while under the influence of any controlled substance or intoxicant.
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