

# Bylaws of the Library

## Behavior Policy

### Gordon City Library

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- It is the library's responsibility to maintain an environment, which is conducive to study and quiet conversation. The library maintains that all patrons, regardless of origin, age, background, religion, gender, or views, are free to study, read, and utilize library materials without the fear of harassment, intimidation, physical threats, or undue distractions. Each library patron must behave in a manner that respects the rights of all users of the library.
- Parents are responsible for their children's behavior on library premises. It is not the library's responsibility to provide childcare. If disruptive behavior continues, the library staff are given the options of requesting the child leave, calling the parents, or calling the police to escort the child home.
- Behavior becomes unacceptable when it imposes on the rights and privacy of others. Unacceptable behavior includes any form of harassment which could result in physical, emotional, or mental injury to oneself or others, or when it could result in damage to the facilities, equipment, or materials. Patrons behaving in an unacceptable manner will be asked to modify their behavior, or, upon failure to do so, to leave the library facility. Police will be called if there is not compliance or if the staff feels in any way unable to handle the situation or feels threatened.
- Carrying of weapons or dangerous objects, use of drugs, hallucinogenics, and other chemical substances is cause for removal from the library. No smoking or vaping is allowed in the Library building. No alcohol is allowed on Gordon City Library property.
- Patrons whose bodily hygiene is offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to other patrons shall be requested to leave the building.
- Eating and drinking in the library or in the entry way are prohibited except during library approved functions.

- The library is not responsible for personal belongings left unattended.
- Solicitation on library property is prohibited.
- Loitering or sleeping on library property is prohibited.
- No person shall alter the configuration or settings of library electronic equipment without the authorization of the library staff.
- Theft or vandalism of library property will be prosecuted. The violation of federal, state, or local ordinances occurring on library property will be prosecuted.
- The responsibility of interpretation and enforcement of this policy rests with the library director. The staff determines when behavior is inappropriate in the library and is responsible for enforcing discipline within the library.
- On the recommendation of the library director, the Gordon City Library Board may deny any patron access to the library for violation of library rules. The patron has the right to speak with the Board concerning their decision.

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by the Gordon City Library Board of Trustees