

ROSE MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board of Trustees of the Rose Memorial Library Association (the “Library”) has established the following rules concerning the Library building, grounds, and parking area in order to maintain a constructive environment in which patrons can be assured of a positive Library experience:

- Patrons shall conduct themselves in ways that are consistent with public library activities.
- Patrons shall not interfere with the use of the Library by others or with the Library staff in the performance of their duties.
- Patrons shall keep their voices at a moderate level, not use obscene or threatening language or gestures, and not behave in a manner that can be reasonably expected to disturb others.
- Patrons shall not use electronic equipment that can be heard by others in the Library. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off or switched to a silent mode and all cell phone conversations must be conducted outside the Library building.
- Patrons shall not damage, destroy, or steal any Library or personal property. Materials removed from the Library must be checked out using a valid Library card, in accordance with established procedures.
- Patrons shall be fully clothed while in the Library, including footwear.
- Patrons shall supervise the behavior of the children in their care. Children below the age of 10 must be with a caregiver at all times.
- Patrons shall not have bodily hygiene that is offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to other persons.
- Patrons shall not consume food or beverages in the Library, except when served at a Library-approved event.
- Patrons shall not possess, distribute, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs and shall not smoke or use tobacco or tobacco products on Library premises.
- Patrons shall not bring animals, other than properly identified service animals or pets invited for purposes of a Library program, into the Library.
- Patrons shall not engage in any kind of sexual activity, lewd behavior, or sexual harassment of any person.
- Patrons shall not bring weapons of any kind into the Library.
- Patrons shall be responsible for any fines, fees, or other charges resulting from Library materials being returned late, damaged, or lost.
- Patrons shall not distribute or post materials or engage in soliciting, selling, or petition signing on Library premises, unless approved by the Library.
- Patrons must comply with all other policies of the Library.

Violations of this policy or refusals to cooperate with the staff may result in a restriction or loss of Library privileges, including the privilege of access to the Library.

A patron whose Library privileges are restricted or denied may appeal the restriction or denial to the Board of Trustees by submitting a written appeal to the President of the Board with a copy to the Library Director.

The Library has the right to amend the Patron Code of Conduct at any time.

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