

## Rules of Behavior for Persons Using the Jacksonville Public Library

The following behaviors are specifically prohibited at the Jacksonville Public Library:

- Yelling, screaming or loud talking in the library building.
- Playing radios, video games or any other electronic devices that make noises that may be heard by others in the library building.
- Eating food in the library building. Beverages with secure lids are allowed except near computers.
- Playing on the elevator.
- Disruptive use of a cell phone while in the library building.
- Loitering on library property, whether inside or outside the building.
- Use of profanity while on library property, whether inside or outside the building.
- Selling products or services or soliciting money or other donations verbally, written, or otherwise, whether inside or outside the building.
- Fighting or threats of any kind to library staff or other library patrons.
- Violation of any local, state or federal law while on library property.
- Any other behaviors deemed by library staff to be disruptive to library staff or other library patrons.

Anyone violating the above rules of behavior may be given a warning or may immediately be asked to leave library property. This decision is entirely up to library staff or on duty security personnel.

For continued violations of the rules of behavior or for a violation deemed excessively egregious by library staff or on duty security personnel, a person may be temporarily or permanently banned from library property.

If necessary, the Jacksonville Police may be called to escort persons from library property or to enforce a temporary or permanent ban.

The Jacksonville Public Library is a place of business and does not serve as a day care for children. Any child below the age of eight years old must be accompanied by someone fourteen years of age or older when they visit the Jacksonville Public Library. Unaccompanied children who violate the rules of behavior are also subject to being asked to leave library property or being temporarily or permanently banned from library property. In appropriate situations, the parents or legal guardians of the unaccompanied child may be contacted, and if they are unable to be contacted, the Jacksonville Police will be called.

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