

PEASE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BEHAVIOR POLICY

To ensure that all users of the Pease Public Library may safely and freely use the library, there are expectations that patrons will behave in a manner that does not interfere with the mission of the library, the rights of others, cause damage to the library building or property or injury to others. Library patrons unwilling to modify unacceptable behavior (as outlined below) will be asked to leave the premises. Police will be called when conduct is illegal, when a threat is posed to the library or individuals, or when individuals refuse to follow library policies or refuse to leave the library when requested to do so. No list is exhaustive; any conduct which disrupts the library is prohibited.

These rules apply to all patrons of the library regardless of age.

1. Use of alcohol, tobacco, vapes and e-cigarettes is not permitted anywhere in the Library building.
2. Soliciting or distribution of leaflets within the library is prohibited.
3. Appropriate attire, including shirts and shoes, must be worn at all times.
4. Skateboards, skis, snowboards, and other sports equipment are not allowed in the building.
5. Neither the library nor its staff is responsible for patrons' personal belongings left unattended.
6. As a courtesy, please turn cellular telephone ringers off while in the building, and place any outgoing calls from outside the building.
7. Loud, boisterous behavior is not acceptable.
8. Physical or verbal harassment of other patrons or staff is prohibited.
9. Any purposeful damage done to the material, equipment, furniture, building, or property of the library is against the law and may be reported to the police.
10. Sleeping or loitering anywhere in the library, in the front lobby, around the perimeter of the building and downstairs is prohibited.
11. Running up and down the stairs in the building is prohibited.
12. Elevator use is limited to adults or children accompanied by an adult.
13. Public restrooms are meant for one person at a time unless a parent is accompanying their young child or a caregiver is required.
14. Eating in the library is allowed only in certain areas. Leave any drinks at the circulation desk if you are using the computers.
15. Covering or obscuring Library security cameras is prohibited and may result in legal action.
16. No one may interfere with another person's right to use the Library or with the Library staff's performance of their duties.

The library director may use her/his discretion to ban a patron from the library if the patron flagrantly disobeys the behavior policy.

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