

## Community Behavior Policy

The Portneuf Library strives to enable innovation, collaboration, and inclusion through providing materials and services that encourage lifelong learning and inspire the intellectual and recreational development of the community on a group and individual level. Library users are expected to follow the Community Behavior Policy while on library property, including outdoor spaces.

### FOR THE SAFETY AND COMFORT OF ALL:

- Be courteous and respectful of library patrons and staff.
- Obey all federal, state, and local laws.
- The Library welcomes service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. All other animals must remain outside. A service animal shall have a harness, leash, or other tether, unless the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of a harness, leash, or other tether would interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of work or a task, in which case the service animal must otherwise be under the handler's control through voice control or other effective means. Library staff may ask: if the service animal is required because of a disability; and what work or task the service animal has been trained to perform.\*
- Library staff cannot act in place of parents or caregivers; staff will enforce the Behavior Policy with patrons of all ages.
- Shirts and shoes are required for health reasons and must be worn at all times on Library property.

### PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Threatening and harassing behaviors towards library users, community members, and/or library staff.
- Endangering the safety of children, library users, and/or staff. This includes, but is not limited to: running, pushing, shoving, bullying, intimidating, and fighting.
- Unacceptable distractions or behaviors which may inhibit the use of library services for other community members.
- Loud, angry, disruptive, obscene, or abusive voices, language, gestures, or activities.
- Stealing, damaging, altering, defacing, or destroying Library materials, property, facilities, or equipment.

\*Language taken from Idaho Code Title 56 Chapter 7. § 56-704A. Rights of individuals with service dogs

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- Panhandling or soliciting for money, products, or services on library property. Sales of products or services that are incidental to library programming may be permitted if approved in advance by the Library Director.
- Smoking or vaping within 25 feet of public entrances.
- Possessing strong, pervasive odors, including body odor or odors caused by perfume or cologne, which interfere with others' use and enjoyment of the Library
- Entering restricted and staff areas without permission.

Any patron not abiding by these or other library policies may be required to leave the library premises. Failure to comply could result in a charge of trespass or disorderly conduct. Library employees are instructed to contact local police if deemed necessary.

A patron whose library privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by the Library Board of Trustees.

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