

## **PATRON CONDUCT POLICY**

So that all may have a safe, fair, and pleasant opportunity to patronize Kidder County Public Library and enjoy all it has to offer, please observe the following while in the library:

- Use of all tobacco products is prohibited. Tobacco use includes the use of smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes, or devices that emit a vapor that contains nicotine and/or other chemical substances.
- Keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
- Polite use of cell phones is allowed. Please silence phones and keep calls short and quiet whenever possible.
- Animals, other than service animals, are prohibited in the library, unless in conjunction with library programs.
- Individuals, groups, or organizations are prohibited from selling or distributing any goods or services or soliciting funds anywhere on library property, except in association with library partnerships, or as a component of a library-sponsored program or event.
- Soliciting for political and religious purposes is prohibited.
- Panhandling on library property is prohibited. “Panhandling” refers to collecting money or any item of value for one’s self or others or attempting to sell or obtain compensation for any items or services.
- No roller skating, inline skating, or skateboarding in the building.
- Footwear, shirts, pants/skirts, and bathing suit covers are required, wet bathing suits are prohibited.
- Any behavior that is deemed disruptive by the Library Director or employees or any behavior which hinders others’ use of the facilities or library works’ ability to do their jobs is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to:
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  - ◆ Using threatening or obscene language or gestures
  - ◆ Conduct that creates unreasonable noise.
  - ◆ Using audio or video devices without headphones
  - ◆ Damaging, destroying, or tampering with library property
  - ◆ Moving Library furniture without permission
  - ◆ Public Intoxication; including distribution and/or use of alcohol or illegal drugs on library property.
  - ◆ Possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons on Library property, pursuant to NDCC 62.1-02-05
  - ◆ Sleeping or camping in the library. “Camping” refers to the use of Library

property for lying down and sleeping, storing belongings,  
and/or using Library property as a temporary shelter or living  
quarters.

- Verbal, physical, or sexual harassment of patrons or staff
- Not adhering to library hours

Patrons who violate any of these guidelines will be given notice of this policy. A violation may result in a patron's expulsion from the library, suspension of library privileges, or criminal prosecution or other legal action, as appropriate.

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