

LIBRARY BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library (HMMPL) Board of Trustees has established policy and guidelines to ensure that everyone's use of the Library is as pleasant and productive as possible. The Board and staff enthusiastically support the Library's role as a public institution open to all people. Any activity that interferes with the rights of other patrons to use library facilities is unacceptable. Inappropriate behavior includes but is not limited to:

- Engaging in any activity prohibited by law
- Trespassing by entering or remaining on library premises after having been notified by an authorized individual to leave, or entering or remaining on the library premises during the period in which an individual has been banned from the premises
- Entering non-public areas of the library
- Carrying a firearm or weapons other than allowed by law
- Displaying firearms or weapons during public meetings
- Dressing inappropriately, such as bathing suits, wet clothing. Shirt and shoes must be worn in library spaces
- Leaving children under the age of eight years old unsupervised [see also "Unattended Children Policy"]
- Using computers and the internet improperly [see also Internet Use Policy]
- Engaging willfully in any behavior that is disruptive, harassing, or threatening in nature, including physical or verbal altercations
- Engaging in sexual misconduct
- Theft, including not properly checking out library materials or equipment
- Misusing, vandalizing, mutilating, or destroying library materials or property
- Using obscene or abusive language or gestures
- Smoking or using any tobacco product or e-cigarette
- Having bodily hygiene that is offensive to others
- Using or possessing controlled substances in the Library or on the grounds
- Drinking or possessing alcoholic beverages in the Library or on the grounds
- Leaving personal items unattended on library property; these items may be discarded
- Roller-skating, rollerblading, skateboarding, scootering, or bicycling beyond use as transportation to get to the Library
- Running, shouting, and/or roughhousing
- Obstructing aisles, doorways, stairs, and elevators
- Disturbing others with loud talking, including during the use of cellphones and other electronic devices
- Selling, soliciting, surveying, distributing, or posting written materials, panhandling, or canvassing for any purpose inside the library building or on library grounds without prior authorization by senior library leadership
- Trading products or services for cash or other considerations (*except in support of the Library*)
- Playing music or other media at a level that is disruptive to other patrons

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- Bringing animals, insects, and other living organisms into the Library by patrons. Service animals are permitted in the Library.
- Ignoring the Library's health and safety rules and guidelines

Violators will receive a warning and an opportunity to cease a behavior that violates this policy. Continued or repeated violations may result in suspension of library privileges for a duration commensurate with the severity of the offense, the patron's history of policy violations, and any other relevant factors. Patrons engaging in behaviors that pose a serious and imminent risk to health or safety may be immediately expelled from the Library without warning, with or without the assistance of local law enforcement. When possible, patrons whose library privileges have been suspended will be provided with written notification stating the specific library policy violated and specifying the length of the suspension. Appeal requests may be made in writing to the Library Executive Director.

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