

PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICIES

The Board of Trustees of the Ayer Library has established the following Patron Behavior Policies so that we may protect our patrons' rights of access to and use of the library facilities to the maximum extent. We also wish to ensure the safety of our patrons and staff and to safeguard our facilities from damage.

The following activities are not allowed in the library:

- ✓ Eating, drinking, or use of illegal drugs,
- ✓ Smoking in or on library property,
- ✓ Use of cell phones,
- ✓ Playing audio equipment so that others can hear it,
- ✓ Tampering with library computers, printers, or other library devices,
- ✓ Talking loudly, making loud noise, or engaging in other disruptive behaviors,
- ✓ Misuse of restrooms: i.e. using as laundry or washing facility,
- ✓ Leaving a child under the age of twelve unattended at the library (see policy),
- ✓ Possession of weapons except by authorized law enforcement personnel,
- ✓ Interfering with another person's use of the library or with staff's performance of their duties,
- ✓ Verbal harassment, physical molestation, or assault of patrons or staff,
- ✓ Destruction or theft of library or personal property of patrons or staff,
- ✓ Offensive sexual behavior, such as child molestation, exhibitionism, peeping, or speaking to a patron or staff member in an obscene or offensive manner,
- ✓ Unauthorized taking of pictures or video of any person, staff, or patron in the library,
- ✓ Any activity that violates local, state, or federal law.

Any person who violates this policy may be denied the privilege of access to the library by the Library Director, using the authority of the Board of Trustees. Any patron whose privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by the Trustees.