

Patron Responsibilities and Conduct Policy

BICENTENNIAL LIBRARY & ROSEBUD COUNTY LIBRARY

Quiet talking will be allowed and patrons may access materials and request assistance as needed. Group activities may be conducted with permission of library staff.

Any behavior governed by the Disorderly Conduct Section of the Criminal Code of Montana, section 45-8-101 is disallowed. Such behavior includes the following:

- (i) Fighting, challenging to fight
- (ii) Loud or unusual noises
- (iii) Threatening, profane, or abusive language
- (iv) Rendering public places impassable
- (v) False warning of fire or other catastrophe

Flagrant violations of this code include any activity which is a violation of criminal code including all disorderly conduct, any sexual activity, and/or being under the influence of any controlled substance. **Patrons guilty of flagrant violations will not receive a warning and will be asked to leave immediately.**

Further unacceptable behaviors in the library include entering the library without proper clothing and shoes, neglect of personal hygiene, **running, throwing objects, or otherwise interfering with the rights of other library users.**

Any patron disturbing the environment of the library will:

1st Be subject to a verbal warning.

2nd Continued offenses after the first warning will result in being asked to leave the library.

3rd Any repeated offenses over time will result in the patron losing all library privileges.

The Rosebud County Sheriff's Office will be contacted for any patron who refuses to leave when asked.

Patron Responsibilities Related to Minors

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Rosebud County Library encourages visits by children of ages, regulated by the following rules:

1. All children under age 8 must be accompanied by a parent or designated adult while in the library. The adult must supervise the child at all times and control any disruptive actions. If the adult does not do so, after one warning the child and adult will be asked to leave the library.
2. Children ages 8-17 must conduct themselves so as to conform to the **Patron Responsibilities and Conduct Policy**. After one warning, a parent or guardian will be contacted and the child will be asked to leave the library.
3. Any repeated violations will result in a loss of library privileges for the child and adult.