

Library Standards of Acceptable Behavior Policy of the Wilkinsburg Public Library

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Replaces: All prior Wilkinsburg Public Library Standards of Acceptable Behavior Policies

The Wilkinsburg Public Library and Eastridge Branch of the Wilkinsburg Public Library have established certain standards of acceptable behavior to better serve all users, to ensure an environment conducive to library use, and to maintain a pleasant and safe building. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it infringes on the rights of others, when it could result in injury to oneself or others, or when it could result in damage to the facilities, equipment or materials. To guarantee the rights of all patrons, persons with unacceptable behavior will be asked to modify their behavior or leave the Borough building or Eastridge library building. Police may be called for noncompliance.

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

- Refusal to comply with library policies
- Unruly or abusive behavior
- Excessive noise
- Obscene language
- Eating, drinking, or using tobacco products, e-cigarettes and/or illegal drugs or alcohol
- Loitering in the library or in the hallways
- Harassment of other library users or library staff
- Leaving children under the age of 8 unattended
- Soliciting in the library, Borough building, or on its grounds
- Conducting personal business
- Abuse or vandalism of library property
- Theft of library materials or equipment
- Circumventing security measures or systems
- Tampering with computer equipment
- Public displays of affection
- Using in-line skates, skateboards or other sports equipment in the building
- Any unlawful behavior or behavior that interferes in the use of the library by others
- Audible use of cell phones
- Sleeping
- Bringing a weapon into the library
- Bathing or shaving in the public restrooms
- Filming or photographing in the library including library patrons and/or staff without prior written permission by library staff

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Failure to comply with these standards could result in the following:

First incident- Warning

Second incident- Leave the library for the day

Third incident- Leave the library for one week

Fourth incident- Banned from The Wilkinsburg Public Library or Eastridge branch of the library.

Depending on the seriousness of the violation, a person could be banned from the library on the first offense. The Library Director has the authority to determine if the offense is serious enough to restrict a person on the first offense. For example: If a patron is threatening another patron or library staff.

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