

BAKER FREE LIBRARY

Patron Behavior Policy

In order to uphold its mission and allow the safe enjoyment of all library offerings, the following rules and regulations for patron behavior need to be observed. Patrons who exhibit behavior inconsistent with the following rules may be asked to leave the library. Individuals who habitually disregard these rules may be prohibited from using the library for a designated time period.

1. Many patrons use the library as a place for quiet study. Patrons should respect the rights of others and not engage in loud conversations or noisy activities. Please refer to the library's Group Tutoring Policy and Communications Policy for further information on appropriate behavior in these areas.
2. All patrons, regardless of age, must wear appropriate clothing, including shoes and a shirt, while in the building.
3. With the exception of those assisting patrons with a disability, animals are not permitted in the library building without the approval of the Library Director.
4. Parents are responsible for the behavior and supervision of their children. Children under the age of eleven should not be left unattended in the library. Please see the library's Unattended Children Policy for further information.
5. No one may interfere with another person's right to use the library or with the library staff's performance of their duties.
6. Threatening the safety or rights of another person, including but not limited to, violent or disorderly behavior, threats of violence, use of abusive or profane language, and possession of weapons are not acceptable behaviors and may result in removal from library premises by the Bow Police Department.
7. Patrons are responsible for their personal property. Please do not leave personal items unattended.
8. Bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, scooters, or similar equipment may not be used in the building, on the outdoor handicap accessibility ramps, in the parking lot, or on any other portion of library property. Bicycles should be left in the rack located near the handicapped parking spaces.
9. Use of alcohol and tobacco is not permitted anywhere in the library building or on library grounds.
10. Solicitation and distribution of non-library materials is not permitted without the permission of the Library Director. This includes the Event and Community bulletin boards located in the library lobby. Items to be posted on those two bulletin boards should be left at the front desk for posting by the Library Director. Postings are at the library director's discretion, with Bow events and announcements taking precedence over any other community's events or announcements.
11. The library staff reserves the right to contact the Bow Police Department for assistance in any situation including, but not limited to, the dismissal of a patron or the discovery of an unattended child.

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