



VERMILION PARISH LIBRARY

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Library Rules:

The following actions are **NOT** allowed on library property:

- Disruptive behavior, such as creating loud noises, loud talking, or screaming
- Entering into the Library barefoot or without a shirt or removing ones footwear or shirt while in the Library
- Consuming food or beverages, except when associated with library functions. Meeting room activities follow the food and drink guidelines in the meeting room policy
- Using wheeled devices inside the Library or on Library grounds. This includes but is not limited to skateboards, roller-skates, and bicycles. These restrictions do not apply to ADA assisted devices or baby strollers
- Bringing bicycles into the Library or parking bicycles in a manner that interferes with the free passage of others
- The Library is not responsible for packages, backpacks, luggage or any other personal item left unattended. These unattended items are subject to immediate confiscation by Library staff
- Lying down or having feet on furniture; or blocking aisles, exits, or entrances
- Entering non-public work areas or public areas that have been temporarily restricted
- Public use of library business telephones
- Remaining in the library after closing time
- Refusing to return to the circulation desk when the library security gates sound an alarm (at main library only)
- Neglecting to provide proper supervision of children(Please see unattended children section of this policy)
- Bringing pets or animals, other than service animals necessary for disabilities, into the Library
- Gambling
- Using audible devices without headphone or with headphones but set at a volume that disturbs others. Using cell phones, pagers or other devices in a manner that disturbs others
- **Cell phones and pager ringers must be turned off or silenced when entering the library**
- **All personal phone calls must be taken outside**
- Distributing literature, gathering signatures, soliciting contributions or conducting surveys inside or on library grounds, without library authorization
- Failing to comply with a reasonable staff request to cease behavior that interferes with the effective functioning of the library
- Using restrooms for bathing and shampooing, doing laundry, or changing clothes
- Verbally or physically harassing other patrons, volunteers, or staff, including stalking, staring or lurking
- Possession of alcohol
- Verbally intimidating staff, volunteers or other patrons
- Engaging in any other behavior that would constitute a misdemeanor under applicable law
- Moving furniture, sitting on tables or desk and putting feet on furniture are not permitted.
- Running, exercising and lying on the floor are not permitted
- Littering

Serious Library Violations:

- Possession, except by law enforcement officers, of a firearm on Library property
- Possession of any other dangerous weapon whether concealed or not
- Assault, fighting, or challenging to a fight
- Selling, using, or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Damaging or stealing Library property. Including computer hardware and software, printers, copiers, phones, and other equipment(valued at over \$250.00)
- Damaging personal property of another library patron(valued at over \$500.00)



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- Refusing to leave Library property after being told to do so
- Offensive touching and obscene acts such as sex acts, indecent exposure, voyeurism and crimes of obscenity as defined under Louisiana Revised Statute 14:16
- Trespassing in nonpublic areas, being in the Library without permission of an authorized Library employee before or after Library hours or remaining on Library property once excluded
- Verbally or physically threatening other patrons, volunteers, or staff
- Engaging in any other behavior that would constitute a felony under applicable law
- Smoking and use of all tobacco products is prohibited on all library properties except in designated areas. This prohibition is for library buildings and also for the grounds outside library buildings
- **Smoking is not allowable within 25 feet of doorways or windows, ventilation systems, wheelchair ramps or other structures used to help the handicapped enter or leave the building according to House Bill 307**
- **Smoking is allowable in designated areas only**
- Physical abuse, assault on another person, or the use of abusive, insulting, or threatening language to a person in this building shall be cause for removal of the offending party or parties
- Sexual harassment or abuse, or the use of sexually offensive language, innuendo, or inquiry to a person in this building shall be cause for removal of the offending party or parties; likewise, unwelcomed requests for personal information, unwelcomed attempted conversation, and unwelcomed following or approaching of other patrons on library premises
- Persons under the influence from alcohol or other drugs will be advised to leave the premises.
- Improper acts, which are subject to prosecution under criminal or civic codes of law, are prohibited

Library users will comply with the Electronic Resources Use Policy.

Anyone known to have violated any of the above rules or anyone known to have habitually violated the law may be excluded from the use of the Library as a matter of administrative policy.

Duration of exclusion will be determined by the Library Director in consultation with legal counsel based on the facts and circumstances of each individual case.

In order to protect the Library's facilities, personnel, users, and resources, the Library reserves the right to call for a search of a citizen's person, handbags, briefcases, etc. when reasonable cause for such search is found to exist.

Persons violating the above rules may be instructed to leave the building by a person in authority. Failure to leave as instructed constitutes unlawful trespass and may result in criminal prosecution of the offender and/or a civil lawsuit against the offender.

Approved August 11, 2010 by the Vermilion Parish Public Library Board of Control.