



VERMILION PARISH LIBRARY

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Library Rules:

It is the policy of the Vermilion Parish Library System to provide materials and services to the public in an environment that is safe, pleasant, and conducive to comfortable library use. The purpose of the guidelines for behavior is to protect the rights and safety of the library patrons, the library staff and the library materials, property, and facilities.

These guidelines apply to all buildings, interior and exterior, and all grounds controlled and operated by the Vermilion Parish Library System and to all persons entering in or on the premises. The rules will be enforced in a fair and reasonable manner with exclusion periods based on the severity of the violation.

The following rules have been adopted by the Vermilion Parish Library Board of Control. Library employees have been authorized to enforce these regulations and to require patrons who do not comply to leave the library premises.

1. No guns, knives, or other weapons are permitted on library property.
2. Smoking or other tobacco use is not permitted in libraries, in library restrooms, or within 25 feet of a library entrance. Tobacco use includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes or rolling tobacco, snuff, tobacco substitutes, chewing or spit tobacco, or any type of electronic smoking device.
3. Loud, abusive, or vulgar language that is disturbing to patrons and staff will not be tolerated.
4. Physical, verbal, or sexual harassment of library patrons or staff will not be tolerated.
5. Thievery, vandalism, and fighting will be reported to the police.
6. Soliciting, panhandling, and proselytizing will not be permitted.
7. Persons appearing to be intoxicated or on drugs will be required to leave.
8. Indecent exposure and peeping will be reported to the police.
9. Moving furniture is generally not allowed, except for study, work, and reading areas where furniture have been designed for flexibility and movement. Furnishings, however, should remain within their area and not be moved to other areas of the library. Shelving, equipment, and traditional furniture should not be moved.
10. Sitting on tables, desks, carrels or book stacks is not permitted, and feet should be placed only on ottomans or footrests designed for that purpose.
11. Seating at each study carrel is limited to one person.
12. Shoes and shirts must be worn in all library facilities.
13. Electronic devices can only be used with earphones at a volume level that cannot be heard by other patrons and staff.

In order to provide safety for patrons and staff to protect the library, the following items are not to be brought into library facilities:



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- Weapons of any kind.
- Bedrolls or blankets, plastic trash bags, shopping carts, and large boxes.
- Snakes, birds, or other animals except service and assistance animals unless part of a special program.
- Alcoholic beverages or drugs.
- Skateboards, skates, scooters, and bicycles.

Breaking the rules may result in suspension of library privileges.

Adopted by the Vermilion Parish Library Board of Control on November 4, 2020.