

Respect for Users, Staff and Library Property

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The North Valley Public Library provides a welcoming environment, materials, programs and services to meet the informational, recreational and cultural needs of the residents of Stevensville and the surrounding community. To this end, the Library is responsible for establishing rules of conduct to protect the rights and safety of library patrons, volunteers and staff, and for preserving and protecting the library's materials, equipment, facilities and grounds.

For the comfort and safety of patrons, volunteers and staff, and the protection of library property, the following actions are examples of conduct not allowed on library property:

- Engaging in any activity in violation of federal, state, local or other applicable law, or library policy.
- Failing to comply with a reasonable staff request.
- Carrying firearms and dangerous weapons of any type in violation of state and federal law.
- Being under the influence of illegal drugs, and selling, using, or possessing illegal drugs.
- Being under the influence of alcohol, and selling, using, or possessing alcohol. (Note: The library may host special events during which alcohol is served with advance approval of the library board and director.)
- Verbally or physically threatening or harassing other patrons, volunteers or staff.
- Stealing, damaging, altering or inappropriately using library property including computer hardware and software, printers, copiers and other equipment. Malfunctioning equipment should be repaired by library staff only.
- Fighting or challenging to fight, running, pushing, shoving or throwing things.
- Creating disruptive noises.
- Entering the library barefoot, without a shirt, with offensive body odor or personal hygiene, or being otherwise attired so as to be disruptive to the library environment.
- Bringing pets or animals, other than service animals necessary for disabilities, into the Library, except as authorized by the Library Director.

This list is not all-inclusive. At the discretion of staff, in situations not explicitly covered by these rules, the fundamental principles of fairness, consistency and common sense will be employed. These rules will be enforced in a fair and reasonable manner. Violation of these rules may result in the loss of library privileges in accordance with Montana Code Annotated 22-1-311.