

# HANSEN FREE LIBRARY DISTRICT PUBLIC CONDUCT POLICY

In an effort to provide a comfortable and safe environment for all Library patrons, staff, volunteers and the protection of Library property, the Board of Trustees of Hansen Free Library District has established a Library Public Conduct Policy. The Policy is designed to provide clear and reasonable guidelines governing acceptable behavior within the Library, on the premises, and on its various online platforms.

Users of the library are expected to adhere to existing copyright, patent, trademark or other existing intellectual property laws when using library equipment or wireless internet.

## **Unacceptable Behavior:**

Unacceptable behavior is defined as any conduct which (a) is a disruption to the orderly and efficient administration of the Library's business; (b)-negatively affects the ability of others to use the Library; (c) is a threat to the security of the Library's property; or (d) is a danger to any person.

Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to:

1. Any activity in violation of federal or state law. Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. Possession or consumption of alcohol on Library grounds unless for a special event or promotion that is approved in advance by the Director.
2. Defacing or otherwise damaging library property, including hacking computers or disrupting virtual services.
3. Eating except in designated areas; drinks except those in covered containers. No food, candy, suckers or drinks are allowed in the computer lab.
4. Verbally or physically threatening or harassing staff, other visitors, volunteers, including stalking, staring, touching, or using lewd or offensive language. Threatening gestures or unwanted physical contact or lewd behavior. Running, pushing, shoving, or throwing objects.
5. Disobeying the reasonable direction of a library staff member.
6. Not following social distancing or other protocols developed to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.
7. Making ongoing loud noise that is disturbing to others.
8. Using recreational wheeled devices such as skateboards or scooters.
9. Entering the library barefooted, without a shirt, with offensive body odor or personal hygiene.
10. Bringing pets or animals, other than legally defined service animals, into the library, except as part of an authorized library program.

11. The possession of a firearm or deadly weapon (as defined by Idaho Code) on library property is prohibited unless expressly permitted by law.

12. Displays of affection that would offend others.

Violations of these policies may result in a warning, a request to leave the premises, being escorted out of the library, or notification of the policy.

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