Brooks Memorial Library Behavior Code

Brooks Memorial Library supports the Library Bill of Rights in all its interpretations by the American Library Association.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Behavior Code is to maintain an atmosphere that promotes the use and enjoyment of the resources and services of the Library; promotes the safety of the general public and the Library staff; and protects the building, furniture, equipment, and materials of the Library.

Rules for Library Behavior:

• Show respect for everyone in the Library. Use appropriate language and behavior. Behavior that is disruptive or disturbs others is prohibited. Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.

• Treat Library property with care. Theft of Library property or any purposeful damage done to the material, equipment, furniture, building, or property of the Library is against the law.

• Personal items should not be left unattended and walkways must be kept clear at all times. Library Staff cannot hold personal items for patrons and will not be responsible for any personal items left unattended.

• Weapons of any type are not appropriate in the Library.

• Appropriate attire, including shirts and shoes, is required.

• Cell phones and other electronic devices must be set to silent or vibrating mode. Phone conversations must be held in designated areas and maintained at reasonable volume. These areas will be determined by the Library director.

• Food and drink are allowed in designated areas only.

In accordance with town policies and state law:

• Smoking, alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted in the Library.

• Animals are not permitted, with the exception of service animals.

• Soliciting is not allowed.

Library staff has the responsibility and the authority to take steps to ensure that the rules are enforced. The judgment of the Library staff shall determine what is considered inappropriate or unsafe behavior. Please bring any concerns about possible violations of this policy to the attention of the Library staff.

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