

Patron Conduct

The mission of the Marion Carnegie Library is to make available to all residents, by convenient and free access, collections of expertly selected library materials to meet the public's informational and recreational needs; to promote an enjoyment of reading; and to strengthen lifelong learning, citizenship, and the appreciation of culture.

The library welcomes all visitors and patrons to our facility. To insure that the Library may provide an atmosphere conducive to appropriate use of its services and facility, and for the comfort and safety of our patrons, **the Board of Trustees has adopted the following policy. The Director and supervisory staff have authority to carry out all powers of this policy.**

The following actions are prohibited by patrons on Library property:

- Selling and/or soliciting for services, money or items
- Distributing or posting printed materials/literature that have not been approved by the Library Director
- Possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of such
- Smoking or other uses of tobacco including the use of e-cigarettes and all forms of vaping.
- Food and drinks in the following restricted areas: At any library computer, in the Technology Lab, in the Peterson (Local History Room), in close proximity to any library collection. Snacks and covered drinks may be consumed outside of restricted areas. Patrons must clean up after themselves.
- Sleeping or putting your head, feet or legs on the furniture
- Not wearing shoes or shirt, or wearing clothes unbuttoned or unzipped
- Bringing animals into the Library other than service animals as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Any loud, unreasonable, and/or disturbing noises created by persons, electronic devices cell phones etc.
- Intentionally damaging, destroying, or stealing any Library property, or a patron's or employee's property
- Removing Library materials from the premises without authorization through established lending procedures
- Moving tables, chairs, or other furniture
- Blocking entrance or exit to the building
- Leaving a child 10 years of age or under unattended by a responsible person
- Leaving any child or young adult (up to age 17) in the Library after closing time
- Misuse of rest rooms
- Possessing weapons of any type
- Engaging in disorderly conduct of any kind, fighting, or challenging to fight or using obscene/offensive words likely to provoke violence
- Harassment of patrons or Library staff
- Any behavior that is disruptive to library use, including
 - running in the building
 - running/jumping down the stairs
 - throwing objects
 - using skates or skateboards in the building, on sidewalks, or parking lot; bicycles must be parked on bike stand
 - playing on the elevator or with elevator controls
 - turning lights off
 - tampering with the fire alarms
- Any other illegal acts or conduct in violation of Federal, State, or local law, ordinance or regulation

Violation of any of the following rules will result in a warning and may result in expulsion from the premises. If a patron refuses to comply and continues to cause problems, the police may be contacted to eject the patron from the library.

Theft of Library materials is a serious offense and may result in permanent exclusion from the Library and arrest.

Communication of threats, physical violence or sexual offenses may result in permanent exclusion from the Library.