

## **Patron Behavior on Library Premises**

1. Any patron not abiding by the rules and regulations of the NCPL may be asked to leave the premises by any staff member. The Director may authorize the suspension of library privileges of any patron who violates the rules and regulations of the library. Suspensions over 6 months must be approved by the Board of Trustees. Appeals may be made, first to the Director, and then to the Board of Trustees.
2. Causes for suspension may include, but are not limited to:
  - Any situation in which the actions of a person present an imminent danger to the life or safety of others on library premises.
  - Any situation in which a person is observed in an attempt to steal or to maliciously destroy library property or that of another library patron.
  - Any situation in which a person's behavior is inappropriate to the use of the library building for the purposes for which it is legally constituted.
  - Any situation in which a person willfully and purposely disturbs the staff or other library users or whose behavior or hygiene/odor is in any way disruptive to the legitimate use of library facilities by others.

**Inappropriate Behavior:** includes, but is not limited to:

- loitering
- use of obscene language
- gambling
- exhibitionism
- unlawful use of a controlled substance
- voyeurism
- public intoxication or consumption
- unauthorized animals
- molestation
- smoking
- running or playing
- fighting or assault (verbal or physical)
- carrying weapons or facsimiles of weapons on library property without proper permits or licenses (must provide proof of permit/license upon request to library personnel).
- pointing, brandishing, or displaying a permitted firearm in any manner intended to threaten others (permitted firearms must be secured to prevent potential injury or harm)

**Violators:** persons who violate these rules will be asked to leave the library, or when appropriate, will be subject to arrest. Repeated violators and/or those who refuse to leave will be subject to arrest and prosecution under Section 35-43-2-2 of the Indiana Code entitled "Criminal Trespass."