

The Sherman Library Code of Conduct Policy

The Sherman Library Board and Staff strive to create a welcoming and comfortable environment for all library users. Patrons have a right to expect friendly and competent library service provided in a calm, safe environment. Library users of all ages are expected to abide by these guidelines.

- Conversation and activity should be kept at a level that will not disturb others
- Loud talking, profanity, running, jumping, throwing things and behavior that deliberately annoys others or prevents the legitimate use of the library and its resources are not allowed
- Loitering in and around the library is not permitted
- Disruptive or frequent entering and exiting the library is not permitted
- Cell phones and audio devices should be used at a level not disruptive to others
- People are expected to treat library materials and property with care
- Eating and drinking are permitted only during library programs and events
- No personal items may be left unattended
- The library is not responsible for personal belongings
- The library telephone is mainly for library business use. However, if necessary it may be used briefly by library patrons for local calls
- Animals, except for service animals, are not permitted in the library or unattended on library premises
- Dangerous play, such as skateboarding, bicycling or rollerblading in the library parking lot is not permitted
- Library computers must be used in accordance with the library Internet Use Policy
- Parents and caregivers are responsible for the behavior and safety of their children while in the library. Please refer to the library Unattended Children Policy

Enforcement: Those individuals who do not abide by these guidelines will be asked to leave. If an individual or a group is behaving in such a way that demands constant attention from the staff or disrupts service to others they will be asked to (settle down or) leave the library

The Sherman Library Director or designated staff shall use reasonable discretion in interpreting and enforcing these guidelines to the benefit of other library patrons. All decisions, determinations and actions taken by the Library Director with respect to this policy are final and not subject to review

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