

DIXON HOMESTEAD LIBRARY **RULES OF CONDUCT**

Welcome to the Dixon Homestead Library. It is important to us that your library visit be satisfying, comfortable and safe.

The disruptive library visitor is rare, but he/she can have a negative influence on an entire library, a library room or library activities. Such disruptive behavior makes the use of the library for its intended purposes impossible, and denies a publicly-supported service to visitors.

The Dixon Homestead Library Trustees has therefore set up the following rules of conduct to assure safe and comfortable use of the library:

Patrons of the Dixon Homestead Library are not allowed to engage in the following behavior inside the building:

1. Eating, smoking, or drinking (water in a covered container is acceptable);
2. Entering the building or otherwise using the library facilities without shoes or other footwear or without a shirt or covering of the upper body;
3. Bringing animals into the library, except certified service dogs who are needed to assist a patron with a disability or for library programs;
4. Misusing the restrooms including laundering clothes and bathing;
5. Leaving a child under the age of 13 unattended in the library without the supervision of an adult;
6. Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
7. Harassing, threatening or disturbing other patrons or staff members by using abusive or obscene language, staring, stalking, making unreasonable noise, playing audio equipment that can be heard by others, creating a public disturbance, sexual harassment or sexual activity or any other unacceptable behavior as determined by the Library Staff which can otherwise disturb or interfere with the use of the facility by staff and patrons;
8. Interfering with other patrons or library personnel in the performance of their duties;
9. Defacing, theft, or otherwise damaging books, magazines, newspapers, recordings or other items in the library collection or destroying or damaging library furnishings, walls, machines or other library or personal property;
10. Soliciting or conducting private business in the library where money is collected;
11. Engaging in any illegal activity such as taking photos or video without permission.

Sanctions for Rules Violations

Visitors who do not follow these Rules of Conduct shall be subject to the following sanctions:

1. The patron may be asked to refrain from the offending activity. If the patron persists in the offending activity, or if the activity involves any illegal activity, viewing pornography, threatening patrons or staff or intoxication, the patron will be asked to leave the library for the day.
2. If a patron continues to violate these rules and regulations or if the offending activity includes any illegal activity, viewing pornography, threatening patrons or staff or intoxication, the patron's Library privileges will be suspended by the Library Director or his/her designee. Further, the patron's Library privileges may be revoked by the Library Board of Trustees upon notice.
3. A patron who has had his Library privileges revoked may appeal to the Library's Board of Trustees requesting that the privileges be reinstated.
4. If a patron's privileges are suspended, the patron may not enter the library during the term of the suspension. If the suspended patron does enter the library they will be asked to leave and escorted out by the police.

Law enforcement will be notified in those situations in which it is warranted.

Adopted by the Library Board of Trustees: April 24, 2019