

**Beloit Public Library
Board Policy**

Behavior Policy

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. This policy applies to customers of all ages.
2. There shall be no discrimination of any kind in the application of this policy.

PERMITTED BEHAVIOR:

1. Behavior is permitted which does not disturb or infringe on the rights of other library customers and staff and is not prohibited by law.
2. Persons who because of a handicap or disability must speak and/or be spoken to in a loud voice shall be allowed to do so.
3. Sleeping is allowed, providing other customers are not disturbed.
4. Game playing is allowed, providing other customers are not disturbed.
5. Drinking of non-alcoholic beverages is allowed, providing the drinks are in covered containers.
6. Eating is allowed, provided the area is left clean after eating.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR AND CONSEQUENCE:

1. Food preparation is not allowed.
2. Running and noisy activities are prohibited.
3. Conversations must be kept low enough so that other customers are not disturbed. During busy times, the Library Board may enforce a stricter standard in this regard. Loud talking is prohibited.
4. Harassment of other customers or of library staff through abusive language, touching, following or staring is prohibited.
5. Customers whose bodily hygiene is offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to other persons may be required to leave the building. Such a nuisance exists where hygiene is unreasonable under the circumstances, and substantially and objectively interferes with other people's use of the library.
6. Smoking is prohibited.
7. Cell phone conversations and cell phone ringers must be kept low enough so that others are not disturbed.
8. Pets are not allowed inside the library. Service animals are allowed.
9. Bicycles are not allowed inside the library, and are to be parked in the bicycle rack

provided on the East side of the building.

10. Bicycles shall not be left anywhere on the east entrance ramp because they would make the entrance inaccessible.
11. Skateboarding and rollerblading are prohibited on library grounds. Library customers may bring their rollerblades and skateboards into the library for safekeeping provided they do not use them in the library.
12. Customers in violation of this policy, or otherwise breaking the law or causing a disturbance in the library will be asked to leave the building and library grounds. Persons refusing to leave will be referred to the Police Department for removal.

ENFORCEMENT:

1. The responsibility for interpretation and enforcement of this policy rests with the Library Director.
2. The Library Board approves the hiring of a Library Monitor for assistance in the enforcement of this policy.

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