

Goshen Public Library

Policies for Patron Behavior

In order to protect each library user's right of access to library facilities, to ensure the safety of patrons and staff, and to protect library resources and facilities from damage, the following activities are NOT ALLOWED in the library.

1. Eating or drinking (other than at library sponsored functions)
2. Playing audio equipment so that others can hear it
3. Smoking
4. Leaving a child under the age of 12 unattended in the library
5. Talking loudly, making noise, or engaging in disruptive, offensive or other conduct inappropriate for a library setting, including activities (such as blocking sidewalks, doorways or aisles) which impede access to the library
6. Interfering with another person's use of the library or with the work of library personnel
7. Damaging library property
8. Stealing
9. Threatening or physically harming staff or patrons

Failure to adhere to these regulations may result in suspension of library privileges. Procedures that govern suspension of library privileges are available at the library circulation desk.

Procedures for suspending library privileges are as follows:

1. The Library Director will issue a written warning to the patron, in the case of a minor, to a parent or guardian.
2. If the patron fails to heed the warning, the Director shall notify the patron in writing that his or her library privileges have been suspended. The suspension may be for a prescribed period of time or may be indefinite.
3. The patron may appeal the suspension to the Goshen Public Library Board of Directors. Such appeal must be in writing and must be received within fifteen (15) days of the date of the written notice of suspension. The patron may, at that time, request a public hearing before the Library Board of Directors.

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