

ADAMS COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
140 Baltimore Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325

LIBRARY BEHAVIOR POLICY

It is the policy of the Adams County Library System to offer the full range of library services to all residents of the community. It is the intent of the Library to provide its service with a minimum of regulations and restrictions, adopting only those that are absolutely essential to the library's operations.

The library recognizes that the public has certain expectations of the library. These include an outstanding collection of library materials, pleasant, attractive surroundings, and courteous, efficient, and effective service.

Library users have a right to assume that visits to the library will be free from harassment, physical discomfort, danger, and psychological stress. The library staff has the same rights.

It shall therefore be the policy of the Library Board to maintain in the library system a pleasant environment conducive to serious study and casual use. In such an environment, the Board considers the following to be unacceptable behavior:

1. Obscene, abusive, or disruptive language.
2. Willful destruction of or damage to any library property.
3. Blocking or in any way interfering with the free movement of any person or persons.
4. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
5. Removal of any library property from the building without authorization through established lending procedures.
6. Threatening or harassing staff and library users.
7. Photography or video recording without staff permission.
8. Unreasonably disturbing staff and library users.
9. Sleeping.
10. Carrying weapons of any sort by any individual except by law enforcement officers.
11. Listening to devices without headphones.
12. Bringing animals, other than those service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, into library facilities.
13. Soliciting or selling of any kind, unless approved by the Library System Executive Director.
14. Distribution of leaflets or posting of notices in areas not authorized for this purpose.

Smoking/Vaping is prohibited inside the building. Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of any door.

Violators of this policy will be subject to exclusion from the library premises. Criminal behavior will be prosecuted under the law.

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