

CONRAD PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY: PATRON CONDUCT

The Conrad Public Library strives to serve our community by providing a safe and inviting environment to be enjoyed by all. Patron conduct should not disrupt the normal operations or use of the facility by patrons and/or employees of the Library.

BEHAVIOR

Library patrons should:

- respect the presence of other Library patrons
- behave in a courteous and safe manner
- treat the Library staff as professionals and be respectful of their time and services
- be aware of all Library policies found at www.conradlibrary.com/policies

Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- any behavior that endangers the safety or health of others
- acting in a disrespectful, harassing, or threatening manner
- any loud, obscene, or abusive conversations
- inappropriate use of Library equipment or materials
- using any illegal drugs or smoking/tobacco-related products on the Library premises
- consuming alcohol outside of an approved Library program on the Library premises

CHILDREN

Children and their safety are of great concern to the Conrad Public Library. We encourage families and youth to use the Library, and while doing so, affirm the parents' and/or caregivers' responsibility for their child's safety and behavior. Library staff do not act as child care providers or disciplinarians. If the Library staff is concerned about the safety and welfare of a child, they may contact local law enforcement for assistance.

- Children ages five (5) years-old and under are required to have a parent or responsible caregiver in their line of sight at all times inside the Library.
- Children ages six (6) to nine (9) years-old are required to have a parent or responsible caregiver with them inside the Library unless the child is registered in and participating in a Library program.
- Children ages ten (10) years-old and over are not required to have a parent or responsible caregiver with them inside the Library, but it should be understood that they will be held to the standards of this Patron Conduct Policy and, if necessary, will be asked to leave the Library premises.

NONCOMPLIANCE

Library staff reserves the right to determine appropriate behavior by patrons, who may be asked to alter their behavior or leave the Library premises. The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to exclude from the use of the Library any and all persons who violate Library policies ([MCA § 22-1-311](#)). Illegal activity will be reported to local law enforcement.