Montrose Regional Library District
Behavior Policy

In order to provide an environment in which all customers and staff may safely and freely use and enjoy the library, some expectations regarding behavior must be enforced. Anyone conducting themselves properly in the library is allowed to freely make use of the library. Those whose behavior is disruptive to library operations and/or to others in the library may have the privilege of using the library limited or denied to the extent necessary to deal with the problem.

Library staff will make every effort to apply these rules in a fair, humane, and positive manner. All staff members have the right to deny access to the Library premises if, in their judgment, these rules have been abused. Library staff may contact the Montrose Police for assistance if deemed advisable.

Library users are expected to be engaged in activities associated with the use of a public library while in the building. The following list includes examples of activities that are prohibited, and which may lead to denial of library privileges:

- Damaging, abusing, or vandalizing library property
- Smoking in the building, or outside within 40 feet of the building
- Smoking by those under 18 anywhere on the library premises
- Use of alcohol or drugs, being under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Eating or drinking, except in designated areas
- Using the inside of the library as a place to sleep
- Failure to comply with a reasonable request by library or building staff
- Behavior that may be reasonably expected to result in injury to self or others
- Engaging in any illegal activity

Users shall respect the rights of other users and staff and shall not harass or annoy others by:

- Noisy or boisterous behavior including talking, singing, or playing music loudly enough to disturb others
- Physical, verbal, visual, or sexual harassment or threats to other users or staff
- Use of bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, etc. in the building, courtyard or sidewalks
- Behavior that may be reasonably expected to disturb other users or staff
- Loitering
- Blocking entrances or exits to the building
- Spitting
- Inappropriate foul or vulgar language
- Unauthorized soliciting of funds or offering of goods or services for sale in a public area
- Body odor so offensive as to present a nuisance to others

Persons whose actions violate these rules may be asked to stop such actions. The Montrose

Regional Library District reserves the right to require anyone violating these rules of conduct to leave the Library premises. The library may withdraw permission for a person to reenter the premises if the person continues violating the rules.

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