

Eldon Public Library
Policy and Procedure

Patron Conduct

Expectations of Library Users

Patrons are expected to behave in a way that is appropriate to the library environment. They must observe the rights of other patrons and staff members. Any behavior that is disruptive is prohibited. The following behavior will be considered disruptive:

- Any activity that interferes with a staff member's duties
- Any illegal activities
- Dangerous activities to oneself or others
- Loud talking or swearing, laughing, singing or playing loud music
- Abusive behavior towards a staff member or other patron
- Any other behavior deemed inappropriate by the Library Director or staff

A disruptive patron will be given 2 warnings and if the behavior does not stop, the patron will be asked to leave for the day. If the patron does not leave willingly, the local law enforcement will be called. If the patron is a juvenile, and a parent or guardian is not present, the staff member in charge is authorized to call the juvenile's parent or guardian. If the juvenile needs to wait for a ride, they will wait with the staff member.

Safe/Unattended Child

The Eldon Public Library is not responsible for unattended children. The library is not a surrogate care provider. Children 7 and under must be supervised by a parent or caregiver at all times while in the library. A caregiver is defined as someone who is 13 years or older, that has the ability to care for the child in case of emergency. A child 7 and under attending a library program must have a parent or caregiver present at the program.

If an unattended child is at the library at closing, the parent or guardian will be called. If an unattended child is left for more than fifteen minutes after normal closing time, and the parents cannot be reached, the local law enforcement will be called.

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