

To ensure that all people who use and work at the East Moline Public Library can do so in a comfortable and safe environment, the East Moline Public Library reserves the right to determine what it considers to be disruptive or inappropriate behavior by the patrons in the Library. In order to ensure that every patron has the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the Library, patrons visiting or using the Library's facilities or services must comply with the East Moline Public Library Policy, **Behavior in the Library – Patrons** while on the Library's premises.

Dangerous, destructive or illegal conduct, including but not limited to the following, will not be tolerated:

- Physical abuse or assault, including fighting or challenging others to fight;
- Engaging in intimidating or harassing behaviors, including following or stalking other patrons or Library staff, staring fixedly or leering at others, or attempting to peer under another patron's or staff member's clothing;
- Making violent or threatening statements to others; and
- Damaging, destroying, stealing, or otherwise vandalizing Library property.
- Possessing, consuming, exchanging, selling or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Carrying weapons of any type

Any patron engaging in one or more of the above behaviors will be instructed to leave the Library immediately and may have his or her Library privileges suspended for a period of up to one (1) year depending on the severity of the violation. In addition, law enforcement may be called and appropriate legal action may follow.

The following behaviors are also prohibited:

- Using harassing, obscene, abusive, or insulting language or gestures.
- Interfering with Library staff's performance of their duties.
- Entering the Library with animals other than service animals authorized by law.
- Smoking inside the Library or within 20 feet of any Library entrance or window
- Petitioning, soliciting, or selling merchandise or services including the distribution of handbills or flyers.
- Refusal to follow reasonable direction from Library staff, including but not limited to leaving the Library during normal closing procedures
- Viewing pornographic or lewd materials on the public computers
- Any other disruptive behavior

Engaging in any of the above behaviors may result in one or more of the following consequences, depending on the severity of the violation:

- Initial warning
- Library privileges suspended for one day.
- Library privileges suspended for seven days.
- Library privileges suspended for up to one year.

Patrons who are suspended from the Library for a period exceeding one day may petition to have their suspension reviewed by the Director. Please inform Library staff if you observe anyone behaving in a suspicious or inappropriate manner. -Adopted May 27th, 2015, Reviewed July 24, 2019