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Patron Behavior Policy	09/18/2018

Patron Behavior Policy

We aim to provide a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment to all visitors to the Library and to offer access to materials, equipment, and facilities that are in good repair. To that end, we expect you do your part.

Treat all Library staff, visitors, and property with respect. Don't disturb or harass others using the library.

Match your personal noise level to your surroundings: quiet in the quiet areas, moderate in the café and social areas, and as loud as the rest of the audience in storytimes and other programs. Use Library property only in the manner it is meant to be used.

While visiting the Library, you may not possess or consume alcohol (except at Library-sponsored special events). You may not be intoxicated or under the influence of illegal drugs. If you smoke, vape, or use e-cigarettes, do so only in designated areas.

Don't take or break stuff that isn't yours.

Your trained service animal is welcome here. For the comfort of everyone in the Library's shared space, your service animal's behavior is subject to the same standards outlined in this policy for human visitors. Please leave other companion animals at home.

If you are not appropriately dressed (in a bathing suit, for example, or not wearing a shirt or shoes) or if your hygiene or scent are a nuisance, we may ask you to leave.

Follow federal, state, and local laws.

Follow all Library policies. Library policies are in place to protect that safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment, and to protect the community's investment in their Library. Individual policies detail the operating rules pertaining to borrowing materials, using the Library's public Internet access, reserving a Study Room or the Meeting Room, and other topics. If you are unclear about what is expected or what to expect when you interact with the Library, please

review any related Library policies. Policies can be found on the Library's website at www.vapld.info.

The library reserves the right to require anyone violating the Patron Behavior Policy to leave the Library's property. Serious or repeated misconduct may lead to suspension from the Library and to legal action or criminal charges. Those wishing to appeal suspensions may do so by writing to the Board of Library Trustees at the Library's address.

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Patron Behavior Policy Temporary Addendum - COVID19	06/21/2021

Patron Behavior Policy Temporary Addendum - COVID19

To create a safer environment for patrons and staff and mitigate the risk of the spread of COVID19, the Vernon Area Public Library implements the following temporary addendum to the Library's Patron Behavior Policy. These amendments shall be in place until guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health indicates that they are no longer necessary for all residents of Illinois.

- Please respect the safety of staff and other patrons. Do not enter the Library if you are sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have recently been in contact with someone who has a confirmed or suspected case.
- All patrons 2 years and older must wear a mask covering their mouth and nose at all times while in the Library. Face coverings must also be worn in outdoor public areas of the Library when social distancing is not possible. Masks will be available and offered to those who may not have one. Reasonable accommodations such as drive-thru service and online resources are available to those who are medically prevented from, or decline to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth.
- Patrons will be expected to maintain a six-foot distance from all other persons not within their household when practicable inside the Library. Patrons will be expected to follow floor markings and other signage placed for the purpose of regulating social distancing.
- Food and drinks are not allowed in the Library.

Those who refuse to wear a face covering and/or fail to maintain a six foot distance, when practical, will be required to leave the Library.

For more information visit www.vapld.info

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