

PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY

Jefferson Davis Parish Library strives to provide a **welcoming and safe environment for all**. We ask that visitors help us to maintain an atmosphere that is **conducive to learning and community engagement** by following our Patron Behavior Policy. To ensure a safe and positive library experience for all, the library sets standards of behavior.

Disruptive behavior on the part of anyone is unacceptable and includes any activity that:

- Interferes with the rights of others to use the library, including privacy rights
- Disrupts the normal functioning of the library or any aspect of library operations
- May result in damage to materials, equipment, building or grounds
- Constitutes a failure to comply with library staff directives

The following are **NOT PERMITTED** and are meant as examples but are not limited to:

- Engaging in any activity prohibited by law
- Engaging in disruptive or unsafe behavior, including interfering with use or operations of library users or staff
- Harassing library users or staff including intimidating, annoying, following, staring or invading personal space
- Using loud, abusive or profane language
- Leaving a vulnerable adult or child unattended
- Using areas designated for youth or attending youth programs without a need to access these areas or accompanied by a child or teen who is attending the program
- Taking photographs or videos of children without their caretaker's consent
- Taking photographs or videos that violate patron privacy
- Eating food unless it's permitted during a library program or considered a snack by staff
- Entering the library with hygiene conditions or unsanitary belongings that interfere with the use of the library or causes unsafe or unsanitary conditions for others
- Lack of shoes or clothing covering both your upper and lower torso
- Soliciting, distributing leaflets or posting notices without permission from library staff
- Bringing in animals other than service animals
- Entering non-public or staff-only areas unless invited to do so by library staff
- Using bicycles, skates, skateboards or similar items inappropriately on library property
- Using another person's library account without that person's permission
- Bringing weapons of any kind on library property (with exception of on-duty law enforcement officers)
- Being in possession or under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances
- Participating in any sexual acts or displaying lewd or sexual images
- Theft of any kind
- Damaging or defacing library materials or property
- Using tobacco products of any kind inside the library (including vaping & e-cigarettes)
- Loud disruptive use of computers, phones or other devices. Please use headphones & disable speaker phones.

We ask everyone to follow all Jefferson Davis Parish Library policies and guidelines or abide by any reasonable request from staff or law enforcement to refrain from disorderly or disruptive behavior. Violations of policies or guidelines may result in removal from the facility and/or suspension of library privileges. If a patron refuses to leave when asked, law enforcement may be contacted.