

# Bourbonnais Public Library District

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## Patron Conduct Policy

The Bourbonnais Public Library District does not permit behavior that is incompatible with the use of the Library by its patrons or staff. The Library prohibits the following conduct on its premises. Behaviors not permitted include, but are not limited to, the following:

Soliciting library patrons or staff for donations, purchases, etc.

Buying or selling goods or services of any kind.

Passing petitions to library patrons, conducting unauthorized surveys, distributing pamphlets or other materials directly to library patrons or staff.

Using audible radios, walkmans, or other sound generating devices.

Cellphone users should turn their phone's ringer to vibrate only, and are encouraged to use the lobby area for extended conversations.

Creating excessive noise.

Using threatening, intimidating, or abusive language.

Sexual harassment.

Overt signs of drug or alcohol use.

Overt sexual behavior.

Bringing weapons, simulated or real, into any library facility.

Using skates, in-line skates, skateboards, or "heelines" (wheeled shoes) inside the building or on library property.

Bikes or scooters are not allowed inside the building. They must be left outside the building in the rack provided.

Fighting or other rowdy behavior.

Smoking.

Bathing in the restrooms.

Removal of library materials from the library *without properly checking them out*.

Food and beverages, except those authorized by the library Director.

Animals and pets, except those authorized by the library Director.

Animals that assist persons with disabilities may have access to the library.

A shirt and shoes are required for admittance to the library.

If a patron is creating a disturbance or causing problems in the Library, the Library staff has the authority or right to tell that person to leave the Library. If the patron refuses to comply and continues to cause problems, the police then can be contacted to eject that person from the Library.

The Director or designee is authorized to exclude from the Library any person who engages in disruptive behavior. The patron may appeal the decision to the Board of Trustees (exclusion of certain persons from the Library is permitted under 75 ILSC 16/30-55.55). The Director or, if appealed, the Board of Trustees will determine the time period for which a patron is excluded from the library.

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