

## **Daniel Pierce Library Patron Behavior Policy**

The Daniel Pierce Library Board of Trustees encourages all members of the community to use the library. It is the Board's hope that patrons of all ages see the library as a warm, inviting, and secure place to be. To insure that all library users are able to utilize the library without unnecessary distractions, each patron must behave in a manner that respects the rights of all users. Library materials and services are available for educational as well as entertainment uses, and patrons should keep in mind that these resources are in the library to be shared by all. Use of the library materials and services should not disturb other patrons.

Library patrons are expected to adhere to the following rules and guidelines.

- Treat staff and other patrons with courtesy and dignity
- No eating or drinking in the library
- Refrain from disruptive behavior
- No loud conversations, including shouting
- Use personal electronic equipment at a volume that cannot be heard by others
- Do not use of profane and/or abusive language
- No sleeping, napping or loitering
- Not behave in a manner that could reasonably be expected to annoy or disturb other patrons

Parents, guardians and caregivers are responsible for the supervision of children under the age of eleven at all times while on the library premises.

Parents or legal guardians, whether present in the library or not, are solely responsible for their children's behavior, safety and welfare, at all times while the children are on the library premises. Persons 17 years old or younger are defined as "children" for the purposes of this policy.

Parents or legal guardians are responsible for any damages to library property caused, in whole or in part, by their children, regardless of the children's age.

If a parent designates a 'Caregiver' to accompany a child ten years or younger, to the library in the parent's absence, the caregiver must be at least 14 years of age and are expected to care for and control the children left in their care, while in the library.

The library reserves the right to require anyone who engages in disruptive behavior to leave the premises, the right to restrict privileges for a specified period of time, and the right to ban the individual from the library for a specified period of time or permanently.