

PATRON BEHAVIOR

The Byron Public Library District is a place for gathering information, increasing knowledge, and relaxation. As a tax-supported institution it is imperative that safe, public access be maintained and library resources be reasonably available to all patrons. Therefore, the following rules and regulations have been adopted this 10th day of June 1996, by the Board of Trustees of the Byron Public Library District.

PATRONS SHALL:

Engage in activities associated with the use of a public library. Patrons not reading, studying, or using library materials may be required leave the building.

Respect the rights of other patrons. Patrons shall not harass or annoy others patrons nor shall patrons behave in a manner that disturbs others. Patrons displaying behavior deemed to disruptive by a staff member of the library may be requested to leave the building and/or the library grounds.

The following behaviors/activities by patrons is not acceptable. Any patron engaging in such behaviors may be requested to leave the building and/or library grounds.

- Skateboarding or roller blading on library property at any time.
- Consuming food and/or using tobacco or tobacco products within the library
- Engaging in any illegal activity, including sexual harassment, in the library building or on library grounds
- Interfering with the use of the library by other patrons, or interfering with a library staff member's ability to perform their duties
- Defacing, destroying or marring library materials, furnishings, walls, equipment, or any other library property
- Entering the library without shoes or appropriate clothing or with offensive personal hygiene
- Bringing pets or other animals into the library except guide dogs for the visually impaired or other trained animals assisting patrons with special needs
- Sleeping, using foul language, or littering while on library property

Library staff will ask patrons engaging in inappropriate activities/behaviors to terminate the behavior/activity. If the patron continues such activity/behavior, the staff member may ask the patron to leave the library building and/or grounds. Library staff may contact the Byron Police Department, if deemed necessary.

Any patron who violates these or other rules and regulations may be denied the privilege of access to the library by the library's Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the Library Director. A patron whose privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by the Board of Trustees within 90 days of the revocation of privileges.

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