

## **Edith B. Ford Memorial Library**

### **ACCEPTABLE PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY**

The Edith B. Ford Memorial Library Board of Trustees has established the following rules in order to maintain a constructive library environment in which patrons can be assured of a positive library experience:

1. Patrons shall conduct themselves in ways that are consistent with public library activities.
2. Patrons shall not disturb other using the Library.
3. Patrons shall conduct conversations in a manner that does not disturb other patrons or Library staff.
4. Patrons shall not use audio equipment that can be heard by others or cell phones in the Library; cell phones conversations must be conducted outside the Library building.
5. Patrons shall not use obscene or threatening language and gestures; be visibly inebriated; engage in running, pushing, fighting, harassing, or lewd behavior; behavior likely to cause damage to Library property, including climbing on Library fencing or roof.
6. Patrons may only consume food and drinks in designated locations; food and drink are not permitted in proximity of the Library's computers.
7. Patrons shall not bring weapons into the Library.

Failure to comply with the above may result in the loss of library privileges. Only the Library director or her designee is authorized to ban offenders from the Library.

The following may result in criminal charges:

- Loud, abusive, aggressive, threatening or obscene language and/or behavior (disorderly conduct).
- Destroying or damaging library books, library materials, computers, furniture, interior or exterior of library building, or library property (criminal mischief) .
- Removal of library materials without following proper checkout procedures (petty larceny).