

Dell Rapids Carnegie Public Library Rules of Conduct

The Library is intended to be an inviting, comfortable, clean, and safe place for reading, selecting materials, studying, writing, using computers, and attending Library-authorized programs and meetings.

Library users are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that makes quiet study possible, respecting the rights of everyone to use the Library.

- **These rules** are intended to ensure that all Library patrons may enjoy good service in pleasant surroundings.
- **Enforcement of these rules** will be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner. Library staff, and/or police officers are authorized to enforce these rules. Failure to comply with the Library's established rules and policies could result in removal from the premises and exclusion from the Library for a period of one day to one year, or in arrest or prosecution. Violations could also result in the restriction and/or termination of Library privileges, including the use of Library computers and other equipment.
- **Individual users have the right** to request an administrative review of an exclusion order that is for a period greater than seven days.

The following actions are examples of conduct not allowed on Library property:

- Engaging in any activity in violation of federal, state, local, or other applicable law or Library policy.
- Failing to comply with a reasonable staff request.
- Verbally, physically, or sexually threatening or harassing other users, volunteers, or staff.
- Stealing, damaging, altering, or inappropriate use of property, furniture, or equipment in the Library or on Library grounds.
- Fighting or challenging to fight, running, pushing, shoving, or throwing things.
- Creating disruptive noises such as loud talking, screaming, or banging on computer keyboards.

- Using cell phones, pagers, and other communication devices in a manner that disturbs others.
- Littering.
- Alcohol, narcotics and other drugs, smoking, chewing, vaping and other tobacco use on Library property.
- Smoking, chewing, and other tobacco use on Library property.
- Entering or being in the Library barefoot, without a shirt, or being otherwise attired so as to be disruptive to the Library environment.
- Using wheeled devices in the Library or on Library grounds, including skateboards, skates, bikes, scooters (except for baby strollers and ADA-assistive devices; e.g., wheelchairs).
- Blocking aisles, exits, or entrances.

Children in the Library

The Library welcomes use by children and offers a wealth of materials and services for their education and enjoyment.

For the safety and comfort of children, a parent or responsible caregiver should be with their children while they are using the Library. Parents or caregivers are responsible for supervising their children in the Library. The Library is not able to provide long- or short-term child care. Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver aged 14 or older.

Children using the Library on their own must follow Library Rules of Conduct. Children behaving inappropriately may be required to leave the Library.