



Martin County Library Guidelines for Behavior
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Listed below are behaviors that are unacceptable at the Martin County Library. Engaging in these and other disruptive behaviors may result in being asked to leave the library. To maintain a safe environment for the public, the library staff may also involve law enforcement at their discretion.

The following behaviors are not allowed at the Martin County Library:

1. Being under the obvious influence of any controlled substance or intoxicating beverage.
2. Any customer with an odor that can be detected by a reasonable person from six (6) feet away and/or disturbs other library users.
3. Lying down, sleeping, or the appearance of sleeping on the premises. Customers may not block aisles, exits, pathways, or entrances.
4. Using personal electronics without headphones or at a volume that disturbs others.
5. Bringing bicycles, or other similar items inside library buildings, including, but not limited to, vestibules or covered doorways.
6. Operating roller skates, skateboards, hoverboards, or other similar items in, or on, library premises.
7. Improperly using library restrooms, including exceeding more than one person in a restroom stall (unless accompanying children or adults in need of assistance).
8. Leaving mess, garbage or spills that disrupts or interferes with library use.
9. Engaging in conduct that disrupts or interferes with the normal operation of the library, or disturbs library staff or customers, including but not limited to, the use of abusive or threatening language or gestures, conduct that creates unreasonable noise, or conduct that consists of loud or boisterous physical behavior or talking. This includes all forms of harassment, including sexual harassment.
10. Misuse of any library property in a destructive, abusive or potentially damaging manner; or in a manner likely to cause personal injury to themselves or others.
11. Failure to comply with the reasonable direction of a library staff member or law enforcement officer.
12. Engaging in sexual conduct/activity, including, but not limited to, the physical manipulation or touching of sex organs through clothing in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification.

*Any person who has been asked by staff or law enforcement to leave the library due to behavioral concerns may appeal the decision by submitting a written request for reconsideration to the Library Director. All decisions of the Library Director are final.