



BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY

The library is a place for learning, accessing information, and gathering as a community. The Basalt Regional Library District (BRLD) staff strive to provide such a place for our users. To this end, library users are asked to follow the Patron Behavior Policy.

We expect our library users to:

- Follow all library policies and procedures.
- Exit the building when prompted.
- Engage with library staff in a respectful and courteous manner.
- Treat other library users with respect.
- Avoid loud conversations and disruptive behavior.
- Respect the rights of other users to access library materials. Deliberate misplacement of library materials, or the deliberate postponement of returning library materials, is prohibited.
- Care for library books and other materials properly. Library materials should not be written on or defaced in any way. Users are responsible for the care of items checked out to them.
- Care for library equipment, furniture, and facilities. Leave library furniture in its place.
- Never leave personal items or library laptops unattended. The library is not responsible for lost or stolen personal items.
- Wear shoes and clothing while in the library.
- Refrain from wearing and/or using skates, bicycles, etc. in the building.
- Leave pets at home. Exception: service animals are permissible.
- Refrain from soliciting for any reason while on the premises.
- Never enter areas designated "staff only" without an appointment.
- Refrain from sleeping in the library.

Library staff members will intervene when a child or vulnerable adult alone is:

- Found frightened or upset in the Library,
- Doing something dangerous to his/her/their self, or to another person,
- Subject to a perceived threat posed by another person,
- Not following the Rules of Conduct and exhibiting specific inappropriate behavior, or is
- Not met by a caregiver at closing time.

The library also expects library users to follow all local, state, and federal laws:

- Smoking in the building is prohibited.
- Use or possession of weapons of any kind is prohibited, except with a concealed carry permit, or by law enforcement officers.
- Use, possession, or distribution of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs is prohibited.
- Lewd or obscene conduct, or sexual misconduct, is prohibited.
- Violence, including threatening, intimidating, or unsafe behavior will never be tolerated.

Consequences:

Library staff may ask library users to leave the library if they do not follow the code of conduct.

The library will bill the library user for lost, missing, mutilated, or defaced items.

Library staff may revoke library privileges for repeat offenders or depending on the severity of the violation.