



## **BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY**

It is the policy of the Basalt Regional Library District (BRLD) Board of Trustees to ensure an atmosphere that is comfortable and safe by providing behavior expectations for all users of the library's facilities and resources. By using the library, users agree to follow this 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. Patrons may request reconsideration of library materials if they believe they are inappropriate.
- Respect that the youth side of the library is intended for use by children, teens, and families. Staff may ask adults to leave the children's area of the library if the presence of the adult is inhibiting use by the intended audience.
- Care for library books and other materials properly. Library materials should not be written on or defaced in any way.
- Care for library equipment, furniture, and facilities. Leave library furniture in its place.
- Never leave personal items unattended. The library is not responsible for lost or stolen personal items, including library materials already checked out to the user.
- Wear shoes and clothing while in the library.
- Refrain from wearing and/or using skates, bicycles, etc. in the building.
- Not bring pets and emotional support animals into the library. Service animals are permitted.
- Refrain from soliciting for any reason, including gathering signatures on a petition while on the premises.
- Never enter areas designated "staff only" without an appointment with or accompaniment by staff.
- Refrain from sleeping in the library.
- Smoke or vape more than 25 feet from library entrances.

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

- Found frightened, disoriented, 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 Patron Behavior Policy and exhibiting specific inappropriate behavior, or
- 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 Patron Behavior Policy.

The library will bill the library user for lost items.

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

Library staff may call 911 for assistance with more troubling library user behavior.