



HURST PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR POLICY

This Library is supported by the tax dollars of the citizens of Hurst who have a right to a clean, pleasant, and safe place.

This Library should be a place to engage in appropriate library activities: reading or studying, choosing books or other library materials to check out, using electronic resources, or copy machines, attending library programs, or to request reference or reader's advisory assistance from library staff.

No library visitor should create problems for other library users or himself.

THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF BEHAVIOR ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE LIBRARY'S GOAL OF PROVIDING A PLEASANT AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT

- Abuse or vandalism of library materials, equipment, or facilities including grounds and parking lots
- Disorderly conduct or disruptive behavior
- Harassing other Library patrons or Library staff (this includes, but is not limited to, physical, sexual, or verbal abuse, touching, following, invasion of personal space, or staring)
- Drinking or eating inside the building other than in designated spaces
- Possession of Alcohol or Intoxication
- Smoking or use of tobacco products in the building (City Ordinance)
- Exhibitionism or flashing
- Making sounds or using devices such as cell phones, CD players, MP3 players, PDA's, or laptop computers in a manner that is considered loud or disruptive by Library staff
- Loud talking or shouting
- Voyeurism
- Soliciting
- Bringing any animals other than service animals into the Library facility
- Moving, altering, rearranging, or otherwise using furniture or equipment for other than its intended purpose without staff authorization
- Using the facility for other than its intended purpose including such activities as sleeping, loitering, camping, changing clothes, bathing (except for hands or face), shaving, washing clothes or dishes, preparing meals or food, mechanical repairs, skateboarding, roller-skating, scootering, etc.
- Parking transportation or recreation devices in non-designated areas
- Carrying into the Library sleeping bags, bedrolls, large bags, containers, or other items that may impede traffic, pose a hazard, or deny space to other persons.
- Monopolizing library facilities or resources
- Entering the building without clothing covering the upper and lower torso, or without shoes or other footwear
- Engaging in any activity or hygienic practice that disturbs normal activities or the environment for other users and City staff
- Refusal to comply with Library policies and procedures

The Library reserves the right to provide programming that may temporarily create exceptions to these policies.

**VISITORS VIOLATING THESE POLICIES MAY BE ESCORTED FROM THE LIBRARY BY THE HURST POLICE AND/OR LOSE THEIR LIBRARY PRIVILEGES
HURST PUBLIC LIBRARY UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY**

To ensure that the Library is a safe and pleasant place for patrons of all ages, the Library has adopted the following policy:

- Children (under the age of 9) must be supervised by an adult or a teenager
- Library staff cannot supervise or ensure the safety of unattended children
- Children must abide by the same rules of behavior that apply to all patrons
- Just as any other patron, children persisting in disruptive behavior will be asked to leave the library
- Please note library hours and do not leave children of any age unclaimed or unattended at closing time

The Hurst police will be called to handle any children left unattended when the library closes.

Approved by Hurst Library Board and Hurst City Council – Effective November 9, 2021