

### **Section 3-2 Code of Conduct**

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees of the Amherst County Public Library to provide safe and inviting facilities. To assure the successful implementation of this policy, the Board declares to all Library staff and users the following to be examples, by way of illustration and not limitation, of unacceptable behaviors:

- Causing noise which interferes with patron use of the library, including but not limited to the use of any electronic device, e.g., radio, CD player, cellular telephone, pager, or earphone, etc.
- Leaving young children unattended by a responsible person.
- Any obscene, abusive, or harassing gesture or behavior.
- Interfering in any way with the free movement of others.
- Removal of any Library property from the premises without authorization.
- Soliciting of any kind, selling of any kind, or distribution of leaflets or any other materials without approval of the Director.
- Unauthorized use of any Library telephone.
- Following others around the building or exhibiting behavior such as making rude noises, gestures, or other intimidating acts.
- Rearranging or relocating any Library furniture, books, or equipment from one location to another without staff approval.
- Sleeping.
- Carrying unauthorized weapons of any sort.
- Possession of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs.
- Bringing animals other than licensed service animals into any Library location without staff approval.
- Willful destruction of or damage to any Library property.
- Smoking or using tobacco products anywhere in a Library.
- Not wearing shoes and a shirt. Both are required.
- Body odor, either from poor hygiene or fragrances that may irritate or bother others
- Any violation of local, state, or federal law.

Persons engaged in improper conduct shall, at the discretion of any Library staff and/or security officer, be evicted from any Library and its grounds. Persons who persist in unacceptable behaviors or who refuse to leave a Library building or grounds when requested will be subject to arrest.

Adopted by the Amherst County Public Library Board of Trustees

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