

Eagle Mountain Library Patron Conduct and Safety Policy

I. Purpose Statement

Eagle Mountain Library is committed to providing a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and respectful environment where all patrons may enjoy library services, programs, collections, technology, and facilities without undue interference. All patrons have the right to use the library in a manner that supports learning, recreation, and community engagement, and library employees have the right to work in a safe and respectful environment.

To protect the rights, safety, and comfort of all users, the library has established the following standards of conduct. Library staff are authorized to enforce this policy and may require individuals who violate these standards to leave the premises or lose library privileges.

Library staff will exercise reasonable judgment and discretion when applying this policy, recognizing that circumstances may vary and that each situation should be evaluated individually.

II. Patron Responsibilities

Patrons are expected to:

- Respect the rights, safety, and privacy of others.
- Follow all applicable federal, state, and local laws.
- Comply with reasonable requests and directions from library staff.
- Use library facilities, equipment, and materials appropriately and responsibly.
- Help maintain a clean, pleasant, and safe environment.
- Engage in activities consistent with the intended use of library spaces and services.

III. Prohibited Conduct

The following behaviors are prohibited on library property.

A. Dangerous, Illegal, or Destructive Conduct

Patrons may not:

1. Engage in or attempt to engage in any illegal activity.
2. Threaten, harass, intimidate, assault, or physically harm another person.
3. Engage in fighting, aggressive behavior, or conduct that causes reasonable fear for personal safety.
4. Possess, distribute, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or controlled substances in a manner that disrupts library operations or public safety.
5. Possess weapons in violation of applicable law.
6. Steal, damage, vandalize, deface, or destroy library property or the property of others.
7. Engage in lewd, indecent, or offensive conduct.
8. Display material or images in a manner that exposes others to pornography, obscenity, graphic violence, or other content inappropriate for a public setting.

B. Disruptive Behavior

Patrons may not:

1. Behave in a disorderly, loud, or disruptive manner that interferes with another person's use of the library.
2. Use abusive, threatening, harassing, or profane language directed at others.
3. Interfere with a person's passage through the library or library grounds.
4. Engage in lengthy conversations, including cell phone conversations, in designated quiet areas.
5. Use audio, video, gaming, or communication devices at a volume audible to others unless headphones are used.
6. Sleep in a manner that interferes with library operations, occupies library furnishings improperly, or prevents staff from reasonably determining patron welfare.
7. Fail to follow reasonable instructions from library staff.
8. Campaign, petition, interview, survey, solicit, or distribute materials in a manner that disrupts library operations or patrons' use of the library, except as otherwise permitted by law or library policy.

C. Library Facilities and Property

Patrons may not:

1. Use library facilities, furnishings, equipment, or materials in a manner inconsistent with their intended purpose.
2. Enter staff-only areas without authorization.
3. Remain in the building after closing hours.
4. Bring bicycles, shopping carts, or similar large conveyances into the library except approved mobility devices, wheelchairs, and strollers.
5. Ride or use skateboards, skates, scooters, hoverboards, or similar recreational equipment inside the library or on library property where prohibited.
6. Leave personal belongings unattended for extended periods.
7. Bring library materials into restrooms.
8. Misuse library restrooms, including bathing, laundering clothing, shaving, or other activities not intended for restroom facilities.

D. Health, Safety, and Hygiene

Patrons may not:

1. Maintain personal hygiene conditions that substantially interfere with another person's ability to use the library.
2. Enter the library barefoot or without appropriate clothing, including shirts or tops.
3. Smoke, vape, or use tobacco products inside library buildings or in prohibited areas around library entrances.
4. Interfere with the cleanliness, safety, or maintenance of library facilities.

E. Food, Drink, and Animals

1. Covered beverages and light snacks may be permitted unless restricted in designated areas.

2. Food or beverages that create excessive mess, odors, or disruption may be prohibited.
3. Patrons must promptly dispose of all food-related waste.
4. Animals are permitted only if they are service animals as defined by law or are present as part of an authorized library program.
5. Animals may not be left unattended on library property.

IV. Child Safety and Supervision

The safety and well-being of children in the library is of utmost importance.

Parents, guardians, and caregivers are responsible for the conduct, supervision, and safety of children while they are on library property.

Parent and Caregiver Responsibilities

Parents and caregivers shall:

1. Remain in the library with children younger than eight (8) years of age.
2. Ensure that children behave in a manner that does not disrupt library services or other patrons.
3. Cooperate with library staff when a child's conduct creates safety concerns or disruptions.
4. Arrange transportation so that children are picked up promptly before library closing time.
5. Provide current emergency contact information when requested for library programs.

Library staff are not responsible for supervising unattended children. Staff may intervene when a child appears to be at risk, is left unattended, or engages in behavior that threatens the safety or well-being of themselves or others.

V. Enforcement

Library staff are authorized to enforce this policy fairly and consistently. Depending on the nature and severity of the conduct, staff may:

1. Provide a verbal warning.
2. Require the patron to modify the behavior.
3. Require the patron to leave the library for the remainder of the day.
4. Suspend library privileges for a specified period.
5. Exclude a patron from library property.
6. Contact law enforcement or emergency services when appropriate.

Serious violations involving criminal activity, threats, violence, theft, vandalism, harassment, or conduct that threatens public safety may result in immediate removal from the premises without prior warning.

Repeated violations may result in progressively longer suspensions or exclusions.

VI. Appeals

Any suspension or exclusion of library privileges exceeding seven (7) calendar days may be appealed in writing to the Eagle Mountain Library Director within fourteen (14) days of notification. The Library

Director or designated review authority shall review the appeal and provide a written decision. Decisions may be further reviewed by the Library Advisory Board when permitted by library policy or municipal code.

VII. Policy Review

This policy shall be reviewed periodically by library administration and the Library Advisory Board to ensure it remains consistent with applicable laws, community needs, and best practices for public library service.

Adopted by the Library Advisory Board on this 23rd day of September, 2026.