

Sidney Memorial Public Library	Section:
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The Sidney Memorial Public Library's mission is to connect our community with resources that educate, enrich, and engage. In order to fulfill this mission, we must provide an environment that assures the safety of all library users, library materials, equipment, and furnishings; and to assure the use of the library is not obstructed by inappropriate behavior or actions

Any patron who violates the Code of Conduct Policy in the Library may be banned from the premises. An Incident Report will be kept on file. Consequences of violating the Code of Conduct are as follows:

- 1st infraction: verbal warning.
- 2nd infraction: 6-month suspension of library privileges.
- 3rd infraction: complete ban of library privileges.

Patrons engaging in the activities listed below, who refuse to leave the library when requested, are subject to arrest under the Criminal Trespass section of the New York State Penal Law.

- a. Conversing in louder tones than the general noise level.
- b. Verbal or physical fighting (real or mock).
- c. Boisterous behavior, including foul language, shouting, or running.
- d. Congregating or socializing which blocks access to the library.
- e. Campaigning, petitioning, soliciting or proselytizing for any cause.
- f. Inappropriate dress, including absence of shoes or shirts.
- g. Smoking in the library or within 100 feet of the building entrances.
- h. Spitting or throwing anything out of the windows.
- i. Exhibiting behavior not consistent with the normal range of socially accepted behavior. This includes following Delaware County Department of Public Health and CDC guidelines for all businesses during a health pandemic, including but not limited to the wearing of face masks and the use of hand sanitizer when entering the building.
- j. Leaving trash in and around the library.
- k. Loud music or videos.
- l. Sexual harassment of staff or other patrons.
- m. Use of controlled substances on library property
- n. Drinking alcoholic beverages, except for in Library-sponsored programs.
- o. Using the elevator inappropriately
- p. Misuse or destruction of library property.

Illegal activities will be reported to the police (including defacing or mutilating library property, harassment, or threats) and will result in an immediate ban from the library.

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